

Scotch Plains – Fanwood Public Schools- Protocol for Student Illness/Exposure

Illness: (Regardless of vaccination status and/or Post COVID-19 Illness within the last 90 days)

Students that have tested COVID positive may return to school if:

- It has been 5 full days after the onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic after the positive test. The onset of symptoms is day 0; if asymptomatic, the day the test was performed is day 0. Anticipated return to school (insert date)
- If asymptomatic when the test was performed but symptoms appear within one week of the positive test, the 5-day isolation period starts over with day 0- being the first day of symptoms.
- The student has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- There has been improvement in other symptoms. (e.g. cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, vomiting).
- The student is able to comply with the Return Protocol for Days 6-10. (See Below)

Students that meet the COVID-19 exclusion criteria must remain at home until symptoms have improved and the COVID-19 test results are available.

May return to school if any of the following apply:

- With improved symptoms and with a negative PCR COVID-19 test. (Documentation to School Nurse.)
- With improved symptoms and a negative rapid antigen test performed at a healthcare facility (Documentation to School Nurse)
- With improved symptoms and a negative rapid home test
- May return if there has been no known recent exposure to COVID-19 AND they have an alternative diagnosis from a healthcare provider. (URI-Upper Respiratory Infection is not an acceptable alternative diagnosis) Medical Documentation provided to School Nurse
- If not tested, the student must remain home for 5 days from symptom onset, and may return only if symptoms have improved or resolved, and then follow student return protocol for days 6-10 (See Below) Anticipated Return Date (Insert Date)

Return Protocol for Days 6-10

- Students **must** wear a well-fitted mask at all times indoors on Days 6-10.
- Students will be excused from any activity that would require the removal of a mask.
- During lunch, maximum distancing should be maintained and masks worn whenever not actively eating or drinking.
- If the student cannot wear a mask at all times or does not wear the mask properly (Covering the nose and mouth), alternative plans will need to be put in place.

Close Contact with an Individual that has tested Positive for COVID-19

Everyone that has been exposed as a close contact should:

- As a precaution, wear a well fitting mask around others for 10 days from their last date of close contact.
- Monitor for symptoms for 10 days. If they develop, get tested and follow the above protocol for illness.
- Consider testing on day 6, unless they have had confirmed documented COVID-19 in the last 90 days.