

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

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Vaccination Status	Fully vaccinated	Partially Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	Proof
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Our current risk level is: Please indicate- **Green (Low Risk)**, **Yellow (Moderate Risk)**, **Orange (High Risk)**

Your child was sent home/absent from school today:

Protocol for Student Return

Illness:

- The student that has tested positive for COVID-19 may be permitted to return to school if the following conditions have been met: **Regardless of vaccination status**
 - It has been 10 days since symptoms first appeared (20 days for severe and critical illness and those who are severely immunocompromised). Or 10 days from the positive test date if asymptomatic. (insert date)
 - 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).
 - Before returning to school, a student who has tested positive for COVID-19 must have a digital re-entry interview with the school nurse.
- The student with COVID-19 symptoms:(**regardless of vaccination status & post COVID-19 illness within the last 90 days**)
During moderate(**yellow**) or high(**orange**) risk levels the student will isolate at home until COVID-19 test results are available.
 - May return to school with negative PCR COVID-19 test (Documentation to be provided to School Nurse)
 - May return with a rapid antigen test **only if accompanied with** a clearance note from their healthcare provider. (Documentation to School Nurse)
 - If not tested, must remain in isolation for 10 days from symptom onset. Anticipated Return Date (insert date)During low (**green**) transmission risk level a student that exhibits COVID-19 symptoms but has not had a known exposure to COVID-19 in the past 14 days may return as per normal procedure NJDOH exclusion criteria (Medical documentation may be required at the discretion of the district and/or based on the duration/time of the absence)
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Close Contact:

- **Unvaccinated students** who are identified as close contacts of an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 must quarantine based upon community transmission levels as follows:
 - High (**orange**) exposed close contacts should be excluded from school for 14 days. Anticipated Return Date (insert date)
 - Moderate or Low (**yellow or green**) exposed close contacts should be excluded from school for 10 days (or 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days) PCR COVID-19 test, or Rapid antigen with additional MD clearance Anticipated Return Date (insert date)
 - If a COVID-19 positive person lives in the student's home, the student must quarantine for the designated number of days (depending upon the risk level) after the positive individual has completed their 10 (or 20) day isolation. If the COVID positive person can isolate from the entire family, the student member may quarantine from their last close contact exposure to the COVID-19 individual. Anticipated Return Date (insert date)
- **Vaccinated students who are close contacts**
 - Proof of vaccination must be provided in order to be excluded from quarantine requirements. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.
 - The individual should still monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure. If symptoms are present, the individual will be excluded from school until a negative COVID-19 test is received or 10 days have passed.

****In all risk levels, students and staff who are not fully vaccinated and who are household members of a person with COVID-19 compatible symptoms that meet COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria should be excluded from school until the symptomatic individual receives a negative test result.***

****HOME BASED TEST KITS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL CLEARANCE.***

This protocol is based upon CDC, NJDOH and SPF Restart Plan guidelines.