

GCCSC Health Services COVID-19 Update
Effective Thursday, August 19, 2021

The [COVID-19 Parent Screening for Parents](#) provided by the Indiana State Department of Health lists the following symptoms that will result in a student being sent home, or signal for a parent to keep a student home:

- Temperature of 100 or chills
- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Cough or shortness of breath (especially new onset, uncontrolled cough)
- Diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, abdominal pain
- Headache (particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with fever)
- New loss of taste or smell
- This list does not include all possible symptoms. Other symptoms may be considered when determining when a student should stay home.

Symptomatic students or staff members may return to work/school when:

- Symptoms are improved for 24 hours, fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing agents, **and** a negative COVID-19 test. Documentation of the negative test is required.
OR
- Ten days have passed after the onset of symptoms, symptoms have improved for 24 hours, and fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing agents. No documentation is required from a healthcare provider.
OR
- Alternate diagnosis given by a healthcare provider. Documentation from the provider must give a return date and state that his/her illness was “not related to COVID-19” or “Cleared to return to school/work”.

Close Contact Identification

Should an unvaccinated student or staff member be identified as a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case at school, that person would need to remain at home and monitor for symptoms for 14 days after the last date of contact with the positive case. Fully vaccinated (two weeks after the final dose of vaccine) close contacts will not need to remain at home, but should monitor for symptoms. If symptoms develop in either a vaccinated or unvaccinated close contact, testing for COVID-19 should occur. Per the Indiana State Department of Health, vaccinated, symptomatic close contacts must complete a 14 day quarantine even with a negative covid test.

If a student or staff member is identified as a close contact to a non-GC related confirmed COVID-19 positive case (for example, spouse, grandparent, non-GC co-worker, etc.), documentation from a healthcare provider or the local health department is required. GC is not responsible for initiating or conducting contact tracing from non-GC related exposure. GC follows a 14 day quarantine protocol for unvaccinated students and staff.

Covid related questions or concerns should be directed to health@gcsc.k12.in.us.