



COVID FAQs for Families

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- What should I do if my child tests positive for COVID or is exposed to someone with COVID?

If your child tests positive for COVID, please **immediately email both the nurse and principal** at your child's school:

- **Days Park:** Nurse Dana Fauth dfauth@elmwoodvillageschool.org
Principal Danielle Bruno dbruno@elmwoodvillageschool.org
- **Hertel:** Nurse Tracy Thornton tthornton@elmwoodvillageschool.org
Principal Liz Fisher efisher@elmwoodvillageschool.org

Your school's nurse and principal will provide information and next steps to support you through this process.

- What should I do if my child is sick? Can my child come to school if they are only displaying one symptom related to COVID-19?

Schools are still mandated to follow the "one-symptom rule" regardless of vaccination status for employees and students. Any individual in the school setting who demonstrates one symptom of the COVID virus must leave the building immediately and is required to be tested (or complete a 10-day quarantine) before returning to school.

PCR Testing Only:

Rapid (antigen) tests are no longer considered acceptable tests to return to work/school. DOH regulations state that only PCR tests will be considered acceptable documentation for an individual's COVID status. We are attaching a list of places you can contact for PCR testing to this communication. If you take your child for a test, please ask and be sure that you are getting a PCR test.

- *Can my child come to school if someone in their household has had a positive COVID test result?*

The Erie County Department of Health guidance states that close contacts and household members of an individual with a positive test result must quarantine for 10 days past the last date of exposure - Please see this guidance [on the Erie County website here](#). This means that students who have a household member with a recent positive COVID test may not attend in-person learning. They should continue to attend remote learning. Please reach out to your school's health office for support if your child cannot attend in-person classes due to a positive COVID test result in your household.

- *Can my child come to school if I was a close contact to someone who is/was positive?*

If you have been around someone who was identified as a [close contact](#) to a person with COVID-19, closely monitor yourself for any [symptoms of COVID-19](#). You do not need to self-quarantine unless you develop symptoms or if the person identified as a [close contact](#) develops COVID-19. If you or a member of your child's household has had a positive result from a COVID test, your child will need to quarantine for 10 days. In this case, please contact your school's nurse & principal via email.

- *Will I be notified if there was a positive case at my child's campus? Will I be notified if someone on my child's campus was exposed to an outside positive case?*

Yes. You will be notified via email if there was a positive case on your child's campus. If there was a positive case in your child's classroom, the classroom will shift to remote learning and you will be notified immediately of this change.

- *If my child was exposed to someone who was/is positive, when should they get tested?*

Close contacts of a positive case should have a PCR COVID-19 test about 3-5 days after their last date of exposure to the positive case or if they are symptomatic.

- *Once my child's date to return arrives, can I just send them in, or do I need to do any additional follow-up?*

After having been restricted from attending school, we ask that all parents reach out to the Health Office for final confirmation that you are cleared to return. Child(ren) need to be symptom-free and fever-free for 24 hours even if they receive a Negative COVID test.

COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Infected people have had a wide range of symptoms reported – from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Fever or chills

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Fatigue

Muscle or body aches

Headache

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Diarrhea

Trouble breathing

Persistent pain or pressure in the chest

New confusion

Inability to wake or stay awake

Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone