

Dear Parents,

The Orion School District, in partnership with the Henry County Office of Emergency Management, the Henry/Stark County Health Department, and the Illinois Department of Public Health have developed these protocols in the event a student or staff member in our school district is diagnosed with the COVID-19 Virus.

Any student who is not feeling well while at home is asked to not attend school. While at school, any student determined to have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above, or displaying signs and/or symptoms of COVID-19 will immediately be isolated from other children until an approved person is available to pick them up from school. If the student has school aged household members in the district, they will be sent home as well. Any possible contaminated areas within the school will be disinfected per school protocol.

The student and other school aged household members will be asked to not return to school for a minimum of 10 days AND until they are fever and symptom free for 24 hours. This isolation period may be reduced if the student has 2 negative COVID-19 tests in a row with the testing completed at least 24 hours apart from each other. Educational services will be provided by the district during the absence of the student and other school age household members.

When a student or a member of a student's household receives a positive COVID-19 test or becomes ill with signs and symptoms of COVID-19, all members of the student's household should enter a precautionary quarantine for a minimum of 14 calendar days from the date the original child's fever/symptoms were recorded. If an untested student on a precautionary quarantine begins to show symptoms during their quarantine, the minimum 10 day isolation cycle referenced above should be followed, beginning with the first day the student becomes symptomatic. All household members must be afebrile (fever free) and feeling well for 24 hours after the quarantine or isolation has expired, prior to the child or children being allowed to return to school. The district will take measures to provide educational services while the student(s) are in quarantine or isolation.

The school will internally investigate all circumstances surrounding a reported positive COVID-19 test affecting students and staff. Students and staff who are determined to have been in close contact with a person confirmed to be positive for COVID-19 will be required to enter the precautionary quarantine phase for a minimum of 14 calendar days. If a student begins to display symptoms while in quarantine, we ask you notify the school as quickly as possible so additional contact tracing can be conducted. Educational services will be provided remotely per the district's plan while the student(s) are in quarantine.

The district thanks you for your cooperation during this process. It is not easy, we recognize that, but it is for the safety of all students and staff that these protocols are necessary. If you have any questions regarding this protocol, school administrators are always available.

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