



Minidoka County School District #331

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Dear Parents,

As you know, this pandemic is a fluid situation. We get new information daily and have to adapt. The illness guidelines have been updated to reflect the CDC's current recommendations for schools.

1. **If there is a positive COVID-19 case for a member of your household member** - Student stays home for 14 days, contact the public health department for guidance on when that quarantine should begin and end.
2. **If the student tests positive for COVID-19** - Student stays home 10 days since symptoms began, and comes back only after 10 days and 24 hrs fever-free and symptom-free, without the use of medications.
3. **If you had contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19**, contact the public health department for guidance.
4. **If someone in the household has been, or is going to be tested**, everyone in the home needs to stay home until the test results come back. If the test is positive, refer to step 1.
5. **If a student becomes sick at school with symptoms of possible COVID-19** (fever, cough, shortness of breath, or two or more of the following: fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea), they will wear a mask, be evaluated, will wait in the health room, and will be sent home. We will consider the child's health history and consult with a parent/guardian about other conditions that may have similar symptoms, such as allergies. They need to stay home from school until they are 24 hours fever-free and symptom-free, without the use of medications.
6. **If a student becomes sick at home with symptoms of possible COVID-19**, keep them home until they are 24 hours fever-free and symptom-free, without the use of medications.
7. **If a school-aged or older household member is sick with COVID-19 symptoms**, but has not been tested for COVID-19, everyone in the house should stay home until everyone has been fever-free and symptom-free for 24 hours. If the student has already had the illness symptoms, and is well for 24 hours, they may come back to school.

We encourage families to keep their students home when they are sick rather than sending them to school, and keep them home the appropriate length of time as specified above.

We also encourage anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms to be tested as able to do so.

Teachers will work with your student to help them stay caught up on school work; please stay in contact with your child's teachers and administrators.

South Central Public Health District's COVID-19 hotline: 208-737-1138

Thank you for your support, Allison Serr RN, Melanie Lucas RN, Annie Bingham RN