

At-a-Glance COVID-19 Handout *(Updated 10/20/21)*

Student or Staff	Exhibits one or more symptoms that could be COVID-19 (see COVID-19 handbook for symptom list)	Symptoms Detected Upon Arrival at School	Develops Symptoms at School	Reports Exposure Within the Last 2 Weeks, No Symptoms	Reports Diagnosis Less than 10 Days Ago, No Symptoms
Action	Stay Home	Child or staff will not be allowed to enter facilities and must return home immediately.	Child or staff will be isolated in designated area and sent home.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All unvaccinated children or staff who are reported to have been consistent with all mitigation strategies during school, may stay on campus as long as they are symptom free. • All vaccinated children and staff will be allowed to stay on campus as long as they are symptom free. 	Child or staff will not be allowed to enter facilities and must return home immediately.
Contact	Health care provider for diagnosis, clearance to return, or testing referral.	Parent, guardian, or caregiver will be contacted to transport child home and to seek medical care.	Parent, guardian, or caregiver will be contacted to transport child home and to seek medical care.	Parents/Guardians or staff will report exposure to the Head of School.	Parent, guardian or caregiver will immediately transport child home.
Quarantine	Dictated by symptoms and/or diagnosis. See Return to School.	Dictated by symptoms and/or diagnosis. See Return to School.	Dictated by symptoms and/or diagnosis. See Return to School.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinated and unvaccinated children or staff do not have to quarantine but must be consistent in following all mitigation strategies. If they have not been consistent in following all mitigation measures they will need to quarantine (see Return to School) 	10 days after first positive COVID-19 PCR test.
Cleaning	N/A	N/A	If a positive diagnosis, areas closed off for at least 24 hours and then cleaned and disinfected.	If child or staff tests positive after exposure, MSD will follow directions from Durham County Public Health Department.	N/A

Student or Staff	Feels Sick	Symptoms Detected Upon Arrival at School	Develops Symptoms at School	Reports Exposure Within the Last 2 Weeks, No Symptoms	Reports Diagnosis Less than 10 Days Ago, No Symptoms
Notification	Dictated by symptoms and/or diagnosis.	If positive diagnosis, MSD will notify Durham County Public Health Department and follow their guidance about notifications for families and staff, and follow any additional instructions about facilities closures and contact tracing.	If positive diagnosis, MSD will notify Durham County Public Health Department and follow their guidance about notification for families and staff, and follow any additional instructions about facilities closures and contact tracing.	If child or staff tests positive after exposure, MSD will notify Durham County Public Health Department and follow their guidance about notifications for families and staff, and follow any additional instructions about facilities closures and contact tracing.	MSD will notify Durham County Public Health Department and follow their guidance about notifications for families and staff, and follow any additional instructions about facilities closures and contact tracing.
Return To School	<p>Child or staff with COVID-19 symptoms may return to school if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a negative COVID-19 PCR test or have a physician's note with clearance to return AND • are fever-free and symptom free for 24 hours. <p>If symptoms are not those of COVID-19, a child can return if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a physician's note with clearance to return, and their return is in line with school illness policy from the Family Handbook. <p>If diagnosed with COVID-19, child or staff may return after 10 days since first symptoms, at least 24 hours have passed since recovery*and improvement in respiratory symptoms, and have a negative COVID-19 PCR test or a note from a physician with clearance to return.</p>	<p>If diagnosed with COVID-19, child or staff may return after 10 days since first symptoms, at least 24 hours have passed since recovery*and improvement in respiratory symptoms, and have a negative COVID-19 PCR test or a note from a physician with clearance to return.</p> <p>If COVID-19 PCR test is negative or they have a physician's note with clearance to return, the child or staff may return to school if they are fever-free and symptom free for 24 hours.</p>	<p>If diagnosed with COVID-19, child or staff may return after 10 days since first symptoms, at least 24 hours have passed since recovery*and improvement in respiratory symptoms, and have a negative COVID-19 PCR test or a note from a physician with clearance to return.</p> <p>If COVID-19 PCR test is negative or they have a physician's note with clearance to return, the child or staff may return to school if they are fever-free and symptom free for 24 hours.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children or staff who have been determined by MSD not to have followed the mitigation strategies, and are unvaccinated, may return to school 14 days after last contact, IF no symptoms developed. They may return 10 days after a negative COVID-19 PCR test, IF no symptoms have developed. <p>If diagnosed with COVID-19, child or staff may return after 10 days since first symptoms or 10 days after positive COVID-19 PCR test, at least 24 hours have passed since recovery and improvement in respiratory symptoms, and are not exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 for at least 24 hours. Children or staff are not required to have documentation of a negative test in order to return to school, as long as the above quarantine period has passed.</p>	Child or staff may return 10 days after positive COVID-19 PCR test, and have not exhibited any symptoms of COVID-19 for at least 24 hours. Child or staff are not required to have documentation of a negative test in order to return to school, as long as the above quarantine period has passed.

* Recovery is defined as the resolution of symptoms and absence of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

** Fever-free is defined as the absence of fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

Definition of Fully Vaccinated

A fully vaccinated person is someone who is two weeks out from the recommended number of doses for the particular type of vaccine they received, taking into account any boosters that are recommended for particular demographic groups.

Testing

Testing is done based on CDC recommendations for those with symptoms, those who do not have symptoms but came in close contact with someone who has tested positive, and those who are in a CDC-defined high-risk group. MSD recommends that employees and families utilize their primary care physician (PCP) to seek medical care. CDC recommends that all individuals take preventative measures including wearing face coverings and maintaining physical distancing to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

NCDHHS has clarified that, if someone (student or employee) has been referred for COVID-19 testing, **a negative molecular PCR (polymerase chain reaction) COVID test** is more accurate than a rapid antigen test and is therefore what MSD will continue to require.

For more information, call the NCDHHS hotline at 2-1-1 or 888-892-1162 (available 24/7), or the Durham County COVID-19 Hotline at 919-635-8150 (available 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

MSD will coordinate with the Durham County Department of Public Health to determine when and how to inform families, students, faculty and staff as appropriate and maintain privacy and confidentiality as required by law. MSD may also decide to issue notifications above and beyond what public health notification guidelines call for. Suspected and confirmed cases will be reported to the MSD COVID-19 response team, including but not limited to the Administrative Team.