

Cross County COVID-19 Protocol – 2021-2022

Student or Staff Who Tested Positive

Four Corners Health Department recommends individuals who test positive for COVID-19 to isolate for 10 days from symptoms onset. If a student or staff member tests positive, the school district recommends following the FCHD isolation guidance.

Students or staff members must also be fever-free for 24 hours without medication and symptoms have improved before ending isolation and returning to school.

Student or Staff Who Had a High-Risk Exposure to COVID-19

The district will monitor students and staff who have been identified as highly exposed.

Person(s) identified as highly exposed will not be required to wear a mask while at school, if showing zero symptoms and feeling healthy. If there is consensus where a high exposure was likely, a discussion could occur on whether a mask would be needed to be worn to better protect others around the exposed individual.

The district will not be asking healthy/symptom-free students or staff members to quarantine if identified as being exposed. The school will monitor symptoms for 10 days. If symptoms develop, student(s) or staff member(s) will be sent home.

Student or Staff Who Are ill

Students or staff members who are ill and/or have a fever (100.4 or greater) will be sent home. Students and staff can return to school when they have been fever-free without medication for 24 hours and symptoms have improved.

Communication

At this time, Nebraska is not in a State of Emergency or under a Direct Health Measure concerning COVID-19. A student or staff member's medical information is protected by confidentiality laws, and the administration will balance these confidentiality rights and the district's authority to disclose limited information based on the facts of each circumstance. For Preschool to Fifth grade students, due to students being in mostly self-contained classrooms with greater chance of prolonged exposure, if there is a positive case that may have caused high risk exposures, we will notify families within that classroom through an email. This would be the same protocol we used during the 2020-2021 school year. For Middle School and High School students, due to the nature of their scheduling and their school day, we will not be contacting families regarding possible exposures. Our protocol for 6-12th grade students is no different than how we deal with Influenza or other illnesses. Teachers of a student who has tested positive will be informed due to the need of setting up remote learning opportunities for that student who will be in isolation for 10 days. Other district staff will be informed on an as-needed basis.

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