

**South Vermillion School Corporation's COVID-19 Updated Review**  
**of Current Operations and Guidelines**

South Vermillion School Corporation has decided to use the 10-day quarantine option offered by the CDC for return to the classroom. If your child is a school-identified close contact, you will be notified by school personnel and given a 10-day return to school date based on the student's last day of exposure within the school. You should also be notified by the Indiana State Department of Health, generally via text, that will provide quarantine guidance.

**The CDC and Indiana State Department of Health both still recommend a full 14-day quarantine. This is why your return to school date provided by the school may differ from the state guidance. Your child can return to school on the date provided by the school, as long as the student has remained without any symptoms, no matter how small they may seem, for the full 10 days.**

If the person that has COVID-19 lives in the home, risk of transmission and contracting COVID is 10 times greater. Per the ISDH, if you cannot separate from the person within your home (sleep in separate rooms, when possible use a different bathroom, mask and distance within the home), we may ask that you wait until the person completes their 10-day isolation period and then start the 10-day quarantine for the student or staff. This determination will be made on a case-by-case basis.

If you wish to keep your child home a full 14 days, you absolutely can. We do encourage you to continue to 14-day quarantine precautions with consideration to all other activities and interactions with others outside of the school setting. This means using all non-pharmaceutical interventions (mask-wearing, socially distancing, and hand washing) on days 11-14.

**Review of Return to School Requirements:**

- After assessment by the school nurse and per the nurse's discretion, if your student reports 1 or more symptoms of COVID-19, we have been instructed by the ISDH that we should assume the student/staff has COVID-19, until it is ruled out. The student does not have to have a fever to be sent home. Many people are testing positive without a fever or never develop one over the course of their COVID illness.
- To return to school, the 3 options remain:
  1. You can contact the physician and have sick person evaluated. If the doctor provides an alternate diagnosis and provides a return to school note, your child can return per the doctor's orders. We do ask that if your child has a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, that their fever or GI-issue be resolved for at least 24 hours, without medication, prior to returning to school.
  2. You can have your child tested to COVID-19. If it is negative, the negative result must be shared with either the principal, secretary, or school nurse prior to return. The symptoms must also have improved prior to returning to school.
  3. You can isolate at home for 10 days from onset of symptoms prior to returning.

**What if I've tested positive for antibodies but never had a positive test result?** If the person quarantined has been tested and is positive for antibodies but were never confirmed as positive by a PCR or rapid test, we are still to advise quarantine. Research continues and is inconclusive at this point to know how much immunity the antibodies provide or if infection can still occur.

**What if I've had COVID in the past 90 days?**

- If you have a test result confirming you have tested positive in the past 90 days, you will not have to quarantine, but you must remain asymptomatic the entire time 14 days after your exposure. If a person is within their 90-day window of testing positive begins to develop COVID symptoms, the state says that person should isolate at home and seek further guidance. The Vermillion County Health Department has asked that you contact them, if you fall into this category, as the state is monitoring these type of cases.
- If the person is experiencing the same symptoms that they had when they tested positive, we can consider them a persistent positive, and allow them to stay out of school and return when they feel better.
- If the person is experiencing different symptoms than when they previously tested positive for COVID within their 90-day window, the state says that person should isolate at home and reach out to their physician or health department for further guidance. Currently, the same 3 return to school options would apply to this scenario, since there remains quite a bit unknown about reinfection. The best thing to do would be to reach out to your physician or local health department for further guidance.
- Please know that getting retested may not be the best option, as you can still test positive for several months after having COVID-19 and not be infectious. This is why we encourage you to reach out to your physician or local health department for further guidance.
- You should isolate at home for 10 days from onset of symptoms, if unable to get clearance from a physician or a negative test result.

If you want further information regarding isolation, quarantine, symptoms to look for, or actions you should take, please visit <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2400.htm> to review Public Resources.