

Mangum Public Schools
Back to School Criteria/Return to Learn
Approved, August 9, 2021

Mangum Public Schools will begin the 2021-2022 calendar school year, August 19th on with regular schedule with face to face instruction unless CDC guidelines or local regulatory guidelines do not permit the start date or schedule. If a traditional schedule is not an option, then alternate options will be related to faculty, staff and students accordingly.

Students in grades 6-12 who chose to attend 100% virtually, may do so, but must remain in the virtual setting the entire semester. Virtual students will not be allowed on campus during the school day without an appointment and will not be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Mitigation Efforts

Mangum Public Schools is committed to creating an environment where the spread of COVID-19 is less likely to occur among students, faculty and staff by promoting recommended multilayered prevention strategies such as:

- *Recommendation of consistent and correct use of masks when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- *Physical distancing whenever possible
- *Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- *Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities
- *Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine as advised from the County and State Department of Health
- *Recommend vaccination for all eligible staff and students
- *Daily symptom monitoring

Research indicates that vaccination is the leading prevention strategy to protect individuals from COVID-19 disease and best opportunity to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Current COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the United States are safe, proven effective and widely accessible in the U.S. at no cost. A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose of Pfizer and Moderna or single dose of Johnson and Johnson. People who are fully vaccinated are at low risk of symptomatic or severe infection, and a growing body of evidence suggests that people who are fully vaccinated are less likely to have asymptomatic infection or transmit the virus that causes COVID-19 to others. Therefore, a fully vaccinated, person with no COVID-like symptoms is not expected to quarantine if exposed to a positive case.

Mangum Public Schools encourages all individuals to wear a mask to protect others as well as themselves. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Although fully vaccinated persons do not generally need to wear masks, CDC recommends continued masking and physical distancing for people with weakened immune systems.

Senate Bill 658 prohibits any public school system from mandating masks, with the exception of the Governor calling for a State of Emergency and communication with the Local Health Department or intervention from the federal government. SB658 States: A board of education of a public school district or a technology school district, the board of regents of an institution within The Oklahoma State

System of Higher Education, the governing board of a private postsecondary educational institution, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the State Board of Education or the State Board of Career and Technology Education shall not:

1. Require a vaccination against Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a condition of admittance to or attendance of the school or institution;
2. Require a vaccine passport as a condition of admittance to or attendance of the school or institution; or
3. Implement a mask mandate for students who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19.

B. As used in this section vaccine passport means documentation that an individual has been vaccinated against COVID-19.

C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to any public or private healthcare setting.

State Law empowers the State Health Department with the exclusive authority to issue an isolation or quarantine order. However, State Health Officials have not issued explicit rules or guidelines for schools on quarantines to date. Without a health department order, the district can encourage but not require students identified as close contacts to self-quarantine.

A school can a school exclude a student from school and school activities who shows COVID-19 symptoms even if they haven't tested positive or been identified as a close contact through the state's administrative rules allowing a superintendent, teacher, or other official in charge of any school to exclude any child suffering from or exhibiting the following symptoms:

- (1) fever alone, 100 degrees Fahrenheit;
- (2) sore throat or tonsillitis;
- (3) any eruption of the skin, or rash;
- (4) any nasal discharge accompanied by fever;
- (5) a severe cough, producing phlegm; or
- (6) any inflammation of the eyes or lids.

Assessing Symptomatic Persons for Covid 19:

People with Covid-19 have a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposed to the virus.

People with these symptoms may have Covid 19:

Class A (Person has one or more symptom, recommended testing and possible recommendation for exclusion from school)

- *Fever greater than 100.4 F
- *Sore throat
- *Cough
- *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- *New loss of taste or smell
- *Diarrhea or vomiting

Class B (Person has three or more symptoms, recommended testing and possible recommendation for exclusion from school)

- *Stuffy OR runny nose
- *Muscle/Body Aches
- *Fatigue
- *Chills
- *Nausea
- *Loss of Appetite

- *Elevated temperature (Less than 100.4F)
- *New onset of severe headache

Students/Clients/Staff are encouraged to take temperatures and evaluate their health every day prior to attending school. Students/Clients/Staff may be asked to stay at home and not enter the buildings if they have any symptom defined in Class A or three or more symptoms of Class B.

Students will be considered excused absence if under isolation or quarantine with proper documentation. A student under isolation or quarantine may continue their work remotely without being considered absent. Parents should communicate with the school nurse and/or building principal regarding their specific situation.

Employees will utilize sick leave in isolation or quarantine cases with proper documentation of infection.

Student/Clients/Staff will be attending school under their own discretion with no liability of Mangum Public School of any pre-existing or emerging health conditions that might exist or become evident while said person is on campus.

Quarantine Guidelines (Contacts to a positive COVID case)

Mangum Public Schools asks any student/staff to quarantine if identified as a close contact with someone who has COVID-19, unless you have been fully vaccinated. People who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms.

Close Contact is defined by

- *being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more and both individuals did not consistently wear mask over their nose and mouth OR
- *within 3 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes regardless of mask usage.
- *If mask were worn over the nose and mouth by the positive case and the contact, the contact (if not having symptoms) can attend class and continue to wear a mask but should quarantine from any other school activities.

Quarantine Recommendations are as follows:

- *Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring (continued symptom monitoring and masking through Day 14)
- *Quarantine can end after day 7 IF negative test result and no symptoms - test must occur on day 5 or after (continued symptom monitoring and masking through Day 14).

Isolation Guidelines (COVID positive or close contact with symptoms)

Isolation is used to separate people infected with COVID-19 from those who are not infected. Isolation is one of the most critical strategies to prevent spread of COVID-19. The following individuals should isolate from others to protect the population: Anyone who has tested positive for COVID even if not having symptoms.

Isolation occurs for TEN DAYS. The ten days begin either the day of symptom onset OR the test date. The individual may return to SWTC on day 11, if symptoms have improved AND no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Anyone who should be in isolation will be expected to exclude from all in person Mangum School activities and classes until the isolation period is over and symptoms improve.

*****Mangum Public Schools will be following the recommended guidance of the Greer County Health Department, State of Oklahoma, and Federal Government where applicable.**

*****All or any information is subject to change due to extenuating circumstances.**



COVID-19 Student Symptom Scenarios

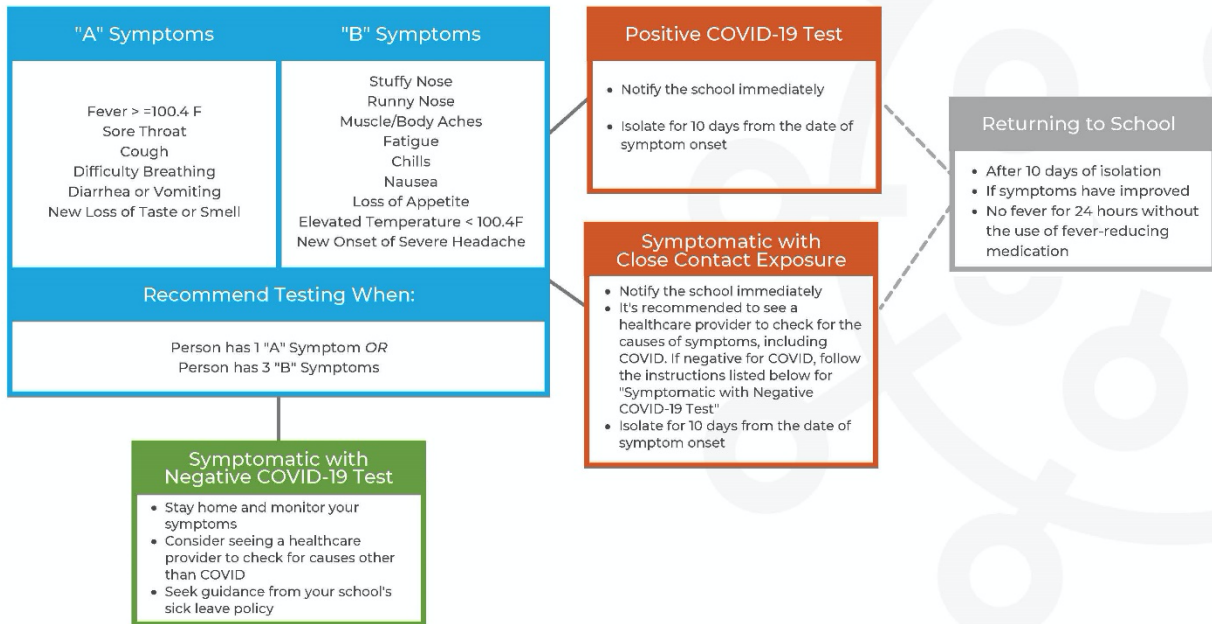
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SYMPTOMS*	SCENARIO 1	SCENARIO 2	SCENARIO 3	SCENARIO 4	SCENARIO 5
CLASS A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever (defined as 100.4°F or higher) Sore Throat Cough Difficulty Breathing Diarrhea or Vomiting New Loss of Taste or Smell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO close contact of someone with COVID-19 1+ Class A symptom or 3+ Class B symptoms Tested NEGATIVE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close contact of someone with COVID-19 1+ Class A symptom or 3+ Class B symptoms Tested POSITIVE, awaiting test results or HAS NOT BEEN tested 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close contact of someone with COVID-19 NO symptoms FULLY VACCINATED – See Vaccination criteria below 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close contact of someone with COVID-19 without masks in place NO symptoms Tested NEGATIVE, awaiting test results or HAS NOT BEEN tested NOT fully vaccinated/doesn't meet Vaccination criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close contact of someone with COVID-19 while both parties masked appropriately NO symptoms Tested NEGATIVE, awaiting test results or HAS NOT BEEN tested NOT fully vaccinated/doesn't meet Vaccination criteria
CLASS B: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stuffy OR Runny Nose Muscle/Body Aches Fatigue Chills Nausea Loss of Appetite Elevated Temperature (defined as $\leq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$) New Onset of Severe Headache <p><i>*That are not explained by an existing condition, such as asthma.</i></p>	Follow school's sick policy.	Stay home. Please isolate.	Attend school as usual.	Stay home. Please quarantine.	Please quarantine from other activities.
	Follow your school's set sick policy. If symptoms do not resolve in 24 hours, contact your health care provider.	Return to school 10 days after symptoms started AND at least 24 hours have passed since fever resolved (without medication) AND symptoms have improved.	Can attend class and participate in any extra-curricular activities as usual. Monitor for any symptoms.	Return to school after quarantine duration*** from last date of Close Contact IF no symptoms develop during that time period.	Student can attend class as usual, but must quarantine from any extra-curricular activities following quarantine duration***.
***QUARANTINE GUIDELINES			CLOSE CONTACTS		
Schools may follow three quarantining options. Please be sure you know which option your school has chosen to follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantining students may return to school after day 14 without new or developing symptoms, as recommended by the CDC. Return to school after day 10 if the student HAS NOT been tested and has NOT developed new symptoms. With a negative COVID test on or after day 5, students can return to school after day 7 if they have NO new symptoms. 			*Close Contact means being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 6 ft of a person with COVID-19 for 15 cumulative minutes if both individuals did not consistently wear masks over their nose and mouth OR Within 3 ft of a person with COVID-19 for 15 cumulative minutes regardless of mask usage. If masks were worn over the nose and mouth by the positive case and the contact, the contact can attend class (and continue to wear a mask) but should quarantine from any other activities.		

*Vaccinated persons who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet the following criteria**:*
 1. Are fully vaccinated – at least two weeks have passed since their second dose (or single J&J dose). 2. Have not had symptoms since their current COVID-19 exposure.
 **Vaccinated inpatients and residents in healthcare settings are an exception and should continue to quarantine as before.



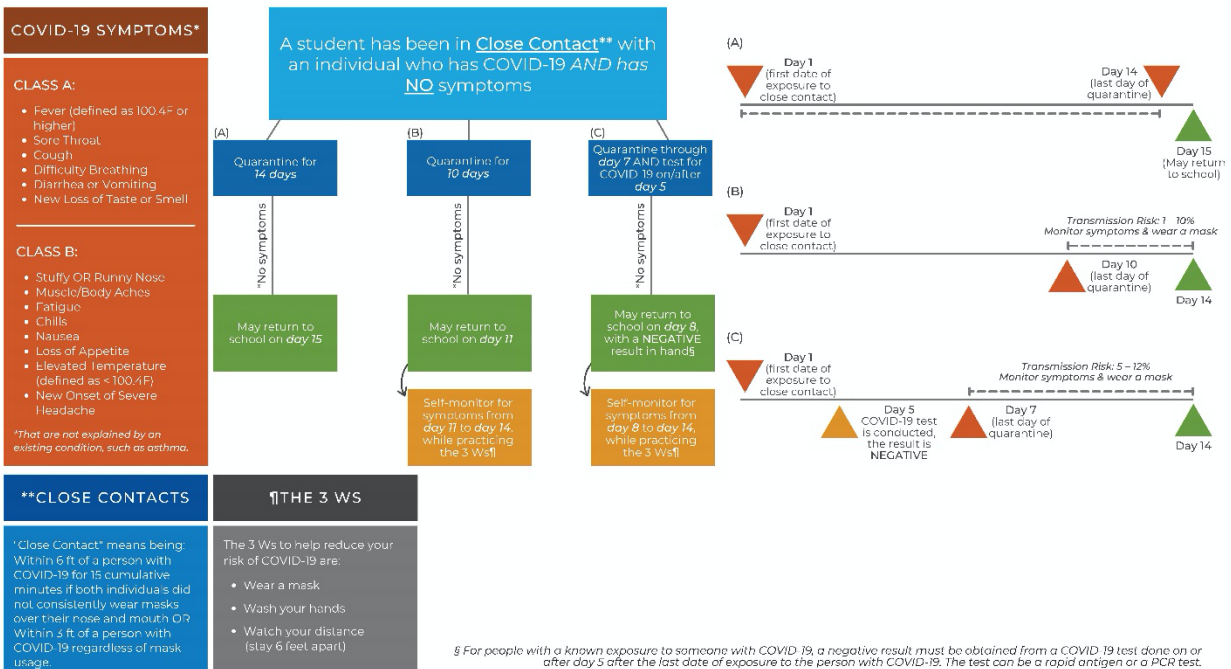
COVID-19 Symptomatic Illness Assessment



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Options to Reduce Quarantine for Contacts of Persons with COVID-19 Using Symptom Monitoring and Diagnostic Testing



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