

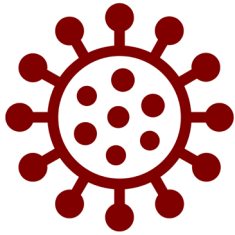


# MARION COUNTY Public Schools

## COVID-19 Protocols for the 2022-2023 school year

This handout is intended to provide an overview of COVID-19 related issues for families in Marion County Public Schools.

### When a student tests positive for COVID-19 ...



#### ATTENDANCE

If a student receives a doctor's note for absences, these days will be excused.

If a student tests positive with a home test, the student will need to turn in parent notes for each day missed to have these days excused. Students have a total of five parent notes for the entire school year.

MCPS recommends that if a student tests positive using a home test, to then verify the results with your doctor or our partners at the Healthy Kids Clinic -- contact your child's school to set up a time to receive a test.

*\*Please remember to contact your child's school in the event of a positive COVID-19 test.*

### Isolation

Students who test positive should isolate for a minimum of five (5) days from the day of the test or the day symptoms started (whichever is first).

These students can return to school after day five if their symptoms are full resolved -OR- after 10 days if they have lingering symptoms.

Those who test positive but never developed symptoms can return after five days.

Many healthcare providers recommend continuing to wear a mask through day 10.



No symptoms



Lingering symptoms

### Contact Tracing & Close Contacts

MCPS will not conduct contact tracing for positive cases. If you have concerns that your child may have been exposed, MCPS recommends a COVID-19 test as a precaution. Our partners through the Healthy Kids Clinic can provide these tests.

Close contacts (those who were near someone who tested positive) are not required to quarantine. Because of this, there is no longer a Test-to-Stay program.

### Prevention Strategies

MCPS encourages students to practice healthy habits including: washing hands, wearing a mask if they feel it is needed, getting a COVID-19 test when necessary.

