

Please see below for a summary (provided by our Nurse professional staff) of TCSD's COVID protocols for the 2022-2023 school year. The protocols are based on the NYS Department of Health and NYS Education Department guidance dated August 22, 2022. The full guidance document is available [here](#).

1. Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 via an at-home antigen test or a PCR lab test must isolate at home for five days beyond the test date or onset of symptoms, whichever is earlier (This date is Day Zero). They may return to school on day six only if a well-fitting mask can be worn. If one cannot wear a mask for days 6-10, the student must stay home for those days as well. If you are unsure of the dates, please call the student's health office, and the nurse will assist you.

2. If a student is sick with any of the following symptoms, we strongly recommend testing for COVID-19 with an at-home test and staying home until symptoms improve. If your child has had a fever, vomiting or diarrhea, they must be free of all of these symptoms, without medication for at least 24 hours before return:

- Fever or chills (100°F or greater)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

3. Students sent home due to one or more of the symptoms above are strongly encouraged to have a PCR or at-home test done before returning to school. COVID test kits for administration at home will be provided while our inventory lasts. It is strongly recommended that students stay home until their symptoms have improved and they have been fever free for 24 hours without medication.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's school nurse. Home antigen test kits are available at every school after the summer recess.

Respectfully,

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