



# HESPERIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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AEC, ROP•244-1771  
Canyon Ridge•244-6530  
Cedar Middle•244-6093  
Community Day•244-5751  
Hesperia High•244-9898  
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Mojave High•948-3999

### Signs and Symptoms Screening

As students are transitioned back to in-person instruction, it is vital to the health of the students/staff/community that parents/guardians monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day. Students who are sick should NOT attend school in-person. People with COVID-19 have a wide range of reported symptoms- ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure and can include:

- Fever or chills
- New uncontrolled cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- New onset of severe headache
- New loss of smell or taste
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, nausea

Symptom screening at home can be helpful to determine if a student currently has an infectious illness that could impair their ability to learn, or is at risk of transmitting an infectious illness to other students or to school staff. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends daily home screening in the morning before your child leaves for school using the following screening tool:

**Section 1: Symptoms: Please check any and all symptoms present**

- Fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or chills
- New uncontrolled cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- New onset of severe headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, nausea

**Section 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure: Check all that apply**

- Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with person under quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

**Should a student exhibit signs and symptoms while at school or during an extracurricular activity, he/she will be isolated from other students and staff until picked up. The student will NOT be able to ride the bus home.**

## **Return to School Policies**

- If the student/parent/caregiver answers YES to any question in Section 1 but NO to any questions in Section 2, the student would be excused from school until symptom-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications.
- If the student or parent or caregiver answers YES to any question in Section 1 and YES to any question in Section 2, the student should be referred for evaluation by their healthcare provider and possible testing. Students diagnosed with COVID-19 or who answer YES to any question in Section 1 and YES to any question in Section 2 without negative test results should stay home, isolate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their healthcare provider.
- Schools should not require testing results as a part of return to school policies. Students who have received a negative test result should be allowed to return to school once they have been symptom-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications. Students diagnosed with COVID-19 or who answer YES to any component of Section 1 AND YES to any question in Section 2 should be permitted to return to school in line with current CDC recommendations:
  - At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared, AND
  - Symptom-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications
- If a student answers yes to both sections of the screening tool OR tests positive for Covid-19, siblings will be excused also.
- Anyone who has had close contact with someone with Covid-19 should stay home for 14 days after their last exposure to that person.

**If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact health services (760) 244-4411, extensions 7447, 7279, 7360, 7267.**