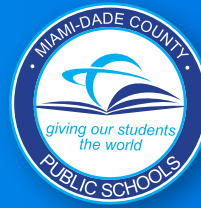


MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING COVID-19



What happens if a student becomes ill at school?

If a student becomes ill or exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 while at school, the student will be separated from other students and staff to the designated space identified as the Health Screening Area, if the student is not wearing a mask, the student will be required to put on a mask. The student will be monitored, and the district will contact the parent/guardian or if needed the emergency contacts. Parents/guardians and/or emergency contacts will be informed of the importance of the student being picked up immediately for the safety of the student and others.

If a student is ill, when may he or she return to school?

Students presenting general illness symptoms that are non-COVID related will need to remain home until they are symptom-free without the use of medication for 24 hours. Students presenting COVID-like symptoms, but no known COVID contact, MUST remain home in isolation for at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND symptoms have improved, UNLESS student obtains a clearance letter from health care provider.

If a student is confirmed by the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) in Miami-Dade as testing positive for COVID-19, what type of clearance is needed for the student to return to school?

The FDOH will notify the District School Health Office (DSHO) when the student is cleared to return to school. The DSHO office will notify the school principal who will notify the student's parent/guardian.

If a student is asked to quarantine because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, when will they be allowed to return to their school?

If the student has been fully vaccinated and has no symptoms, the student will be able to remain in school. If the student has been fully vaccinated and has symptoms, the student will be asked to quarantine and get tested, remain home in isolation for 10-days since symptoms first appeared AND 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND symptoms have improved. If the student is not eligible to receive the vaccine, the students will be asked to quarantine for 10-days from the date of their last contact with the person who has COVID-19 before returning to school. If the student develops symptoms the student should get tested, remain home in isolation for 10-days since symptoms first appeared AND 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND symptoms have improved.

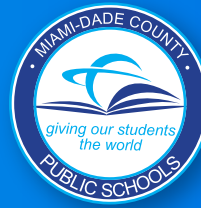
If you have been identified as being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and are asked to quarantine, do other members of your household who attend or work at District schools have to quarantine as well?

If other household members did not come in direct contact with someone that tested positive, and the individual in quarantine does not have symptoms, other household members, including siblings, do not need to quarantine or isolate. However, if the individual in quarantine has symptoms or tests positive, the household member should contact their medical provider and get tested.

If an employee tests positive for COVID-19, when is he or she allowed to return to their worksite?

Employees who self-report that they have COVID-19, may be allowed to return to work if:
At least 10 days have passed since they had a positive viral test for COVID-19; have no apparent symptoms; and submit a doctor's note allowing them to return to work.

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What steps will be taken if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

The District notifies the FDOH in Miami-Dade of every self-reported case of a student and employee. An in-school contact investigation/tracing process is initiated immediately. A major part of the investigation is to determine who came in close contact with the individual who tested positive. In most cases, those individuals who are identified as having come in close contact are told to quarantine. These actions are in addition to other mitigation strategies that may be implemented.

What is the criteria for closing an individual classroom or multiple ones versus an entire school due to one or more positive cases of COVID-19?

In many cases, the decision to close a classroom(s) or a school is the result of the close contact investigation. However, these determinations will be made on an individual school-by-school basis due to multiple factors that potentially impact the final decision. These factors include, but are not limited to:

- Number of COVID-19 positive cases of students and staff
- Potential exposure to other students and employees identified through contact tracing
- Ability to sanitize the school-site prior to the return of students and staff
- Potential for outbreak
- Cases that are linked within same school
- Ability to notify those impacted based on the day of the week and the time that the case was reported

What is the procedure if a child arrives at school exhibiting COVID-19-like symptoms?

The student will be assessed, and the parents will be notified immediately to pick-up the student. Based on signs and symptoms, the student may be placed in the isolation room until parent pick-up occurs.

What is the procedure to report a COVID-19 diagnosis in a household?

If anyone in the student's household test positive for COVID-19, the parents must immediately self-report the results to the school(s). After school hours and on weekends cases can be reported by calling (305) 995-3000 (not sure if this will be available for the 2021-22 year), The school principal will then report the case to the District School Health Office.