

SUSD COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

If you are not feeling well, please stay home, seek medical attention and follow normal absence reporting procedures.
 Parents — if your student has tested positive for COVID-19, please contact the school nurse.
 Employees — who have tested positive for COVID-19, report your status to your immediate supervisor and Human Resources.

CONFIRMED CASE COVID-19

Individual Tests Positive For COVID-19

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must be isolated at home and will not be allowed to enter any district building for a minimum of 10 days after onset of symptoms. Additionally, you must be fever free (temp <100.0 degrees without fever-reducing medication) and symptom free for at least 24 hours. If you are positive but symptom free, you must be isolated at home for 10 days after the COVID test was taken. If you are severely immunocompromised or have a severe critical illness, see Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) [Home Isolation Guidance for people with COVID-19](#).

School nurse, supervisor or designee shall contact MCDPH who will provide guidance on communication. Further, building services will be notified to determine the extent of disinfecting needed. Custodial staff will disinfect High Touch Points (HTP) in frequently used, ancillary spaces, as a preventive measure.

Contact Tracing Process

School nurse or designee will be following the current MCDPH guidelines along with following reporting MCDPH parameters and providing COVID-19 diagnosis information to MCDPH to assist with their contact tracing.

School nurse or designee will collaborate with MCDPH, Human Resources and necessary school staff to compile a list of close contacts including names and contact information. The list of close contacts will be shared with the MCDPH for follow-up during the quarantine period.

The school nurse or designated personnel, with guidance from MCDPH, will inform individuals identified as a "close contact" as soon as possible. Close contact is defined by MCDPH as within 6 feet for longer than 10 minutes. Instructions will be provided. Please visit MCDPH [Quarantine Guidance for Household and Close Contacts](#)

Close Contacts/Household Contacts

Student, employee or visitor has been identified as having been in close contact of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case. Close contact is defined by MCDPH as within 6 feet for longer than 10 minutes. Household contacts is defined as individuals that live in the same household as someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If you develop any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 during the 14-day monitoring period, you should:

- 1) Get tested for COVID-19 at a healthcare facility or other testing site.
- 2) If you do not get tested, are waiting for your test results OR test positive for COVID-19, you should isolate at home until:
 - At least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first started and
 - At least 24 hours have passed since the fever resolved (without the use of medication) and
 - The other symptoms have improved.
- 3) If you do not get tested, are waiting for your test results OR test positive for COVID-19 AND are admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) OR you are severely immunocompromised, you should isolate until:
 - At least 20 days have passed since your symptoms first started and
 - At least 24 hours have passed since the fever resolved (without the use of medication) and
 - The other symptoms have improved.
- 4) If you test negative for COVID-19, you should isolate at home until:
 - At least 14 days have passed since your last exposure to the person with COVID-19 and
 - At least 24 hours have passed since the fever resolved (without the use of medication) and
 - The other symptoms have improved.

Please visit [MCDPH Quarantine Guidance for Household and Close Contacts](#)

EXPERIENCING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Individual Has Symptoms Of COVID-19 But Has Not Been Confirmed Negative or Positive for COVID-19

If a student's parent or a staff member reports that they will not be at school or work due to illness, the school may ask if they're exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19. Office staff or administrators receiving this information should communicate with their school nurse and/or human resources for follow up.

If an individual becomes ill or exhibits COVID-19 symptoms after arriving at school or work, the school nurse and/ or designated personnel may take temperatures on a random basis or in situations where there is reason to believe a person may be ill.

School nurse, supervisor or designee shall contact MCDPH who will provide guidance on communication. Further, building services will be notified to determine the extent of disinfecting needed. Custodial staff will disinfect High Touch Points (HTP) in frequently used, ancillary spaces, as a preventive measure.

If not already done, the individual experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (with or without a positive test) will be encouraged by the school nurse to contact their primary healthcare provider to schedule testing.

The individual must remain in isolation at home until 10 days have passed since symptoms first started and 24 hours have passed since the fever resolved (without the use of medication) and the symptoms have improved or test results are received.

Individual Received NEGATIVE Test Results for COVID-19

Individuals that have NOT been identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 case may return to work or school if they are not experiencing symptoms and have been fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, and other symptoms have improved.

Individual Tests POSITIVE for COVID-19

Follow "Confirmed Case of COVID-19" protocol.

CLOSE CONTACT

Individual Has Been Identified As a "Close Contact" (within 6 feet for longer than 10 minutes) To Someone Who Has Tested Positive For COVID-19

If you were in close contact with someone with COVID-19, you should stay at home in quarantine for 14 days after your last contact with the person with COVID-19 and adhere to recommended hygiene guidelines.

Please visit [MCDPH Quarantine Guidance for Household and Close Contacts](#)

Individual DOES NOT Experience Symptoms During Quarantine Period

If the individual identified as a "close contact" does not experience COVID-19 symptoms during the quarantine period, they are released from quarantine after 14 days and can return to school or work.

Individual DOES Experience Symptoms During Quarantine Period

If you develop any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 during the 14-day monitoring period, you should:

- Get tested for COVID-19 with a PCR or antigen test (swab test) at a healthcare facility or other testing site.
- If you do not get tested, are waiting for your test results OR test positive for COVID-19, you should isolate at home until:
 - At least 10 days have passed since the symptoms first started and
 - At least 24 hours have passed since the fever resolved (without the use of medication) and
 - The other symptoms have improved.

NOTE: severely immunocompromised should isolate until:

- At least 20 days have passed since the symptoms first started and
- At least 24 hours have passed since the fever resolved (without the use of medication) and
- The other symptoms have improved.

If you test negative for COVID-19, you should isolate at home until:

- At least 14 days have passed since the last exposure to the person with COVID-19 and
- At least 24 hours have passed since the fever resolved (without the use of medication) and
- The other symptoms have improved.

Individual Received NEGATIVE Test Results for COVID-19

A negative test result does not allow the close contact to end quarantine early. Once the quarantine period has ended, the student or employee may return to school or work if they are not experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, and have been fever free (temp <100.0 degrees without fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours.

Individual Tests POSITIVE for COVID-19

Follow "Confirmed Case of COVID-19" protocol.

HOUSEHOLD CONTACT

Individual Lives In The Same Household As A Person Who Has Tested Positive For COVID-19

If a student or employee staff is a "household contact" of a confirmed positive case, they must quarantine (stay home and monitor for symptoms) until 14 days after the COVID-19 case in their household has been fever free (temp <100.0 degrees without fever-reducing medication) and symptom free for at least 24 hours.

Individuals identified as a "household contact" will be contacted as soon as possible and informed to quarantine at home. A letter with instructions will be provided to household contacts and parent/guardian of students identified as a household contact.

Individual DOES NOT Experience Symptoms During Quarantine Period

If the individual identified as a "household contact" does not experience COVID-19 symptoms during the quarantine period, they are released from quarantine after 14 days and can return to school or work at that time.

Individual DOES Experience Symptoms During Quarantine Period

If the household contact develops symptoms during quarantine, they should be advised to contact their healthcare provider.

Individual Received NEGATIVE Test Results for COVID-19

A negative test result does not allow the close contact to end quarantine early. Once the quarantine period has ended, the student or employee may return to school or work if they are not experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.

Individual Tests POSITIVE for COVID-19

Follow "Confirmed Case of COVID-19" protocol

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Please Note:

- Any student or employee who is sick or doesn't feel well should not report to school or work and follow normal absence reporting procedures.
- Any employee who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and is seeking a medical diagnosis, or has been advised to quarantine or cannot report for regular duties due to a COVID-19 related reason should contact their immediate supervisor and Human Resources at 480-484-6287 or email dharrison@susd.org.
- Guidance in this document will supersede any other previously provided guidance.