

FAQ's About COVID-19 South Williamsport Area School District

As the district is making plans to return to school for the 2022-2023 school year, we are aware that some parents and students have questions and concerns about how the district will move forward with COVID-19. Please note this correspondence has been delayed because the district was waiting for additional guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Pennsylvania Department of Health. Also, please understand that more specific guidance can be found on our district's health and safety plan that can be found [here](#). Below are some common questions you may have and the answers to said questions.

Question: If my child test's positive for COVID-19, does my child need to isolate?

Answer: Yes, your child will be required to isolate.

You may end isolation after day 5 if:

- You are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication)
- Your symptoms are improving

Question: Will the school district be doing contact tracing and quarantining close contacts?

Answer: The school district will not be contact tracing and the district will not identify close contacts to COVID-19 cases. Therefore, students/staff will NOT be required to quarantine.

Question: Will the Pennsylvania Department of Health or Pennsylvania Department of Education be providing school closure guidance based on caser counts in a school district.

Answer: The Pennsylvania Department of Education and Health will not be providing guidance to states about school closures.

Question: What will happen if my child visits the nurse's office and the nurse makes a medical determination that there is a high likelihood my child has COVID-19?

Answer: If a child presents with symptoms of COVID-19 and the school nurses deem there is a high probability of the child having COVID-19, the student will be excluded and may return when:

- They present a negative COVID-19 test (including at home tests) and symptoms allow (i.e. improving)
- They are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication and other COVID-19 symptoms are improving.

Question: Will I be able to send my child to school with a face covering?

Answer: Yes, you may send your child to school with a face covering. This is your choice as a parent. Please note that the school district will only be providing face coverings to students on an "as needed" basis. We are asking that any parent who wants their child to wear a face covering to provide the face covering.