

Management of ill students and staff

1. Students and staff who are confirmed cases of COVID-19 must complete 10 calendar days of isolation from the date of first symptom onset and be fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medications and other symptoms have improved before returning to school.
2. Students and staff are recommended to see their doctor or be tested for Covid-19 if they are exhibiting symptoms relating to Covid-19.
3. Students and staff returning to school after experiencing COVID-like symptoms but being diagnosed with a non-COVID illness must meet the criteria for returning to school for the illness with which they have been diagnosed. At a minimum, the individual must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and have had no diarrhea or vomiting in the previous 24 hours.
4. Students and staff with COVID-like symptoms who do not get tested for COVID-19 and who do not provide a healthcare provider's note documenting an alternative diagnosis, must be fever-free for 48 hours without use of fever-reducing medications and other symptoms have improved before returning to school.
5. All members in the household of an ill individual may not return to school until the ill individual has met the requirements to return to school as well.
6. Students and staff exhibiting one or more COVID-like symptoms in children should be immediately isolated, and evaluated. CBS is able to speak with and evaluate each student/staff to determine if this symptom is new or if it is part of an existing condition for this student/staff.
7. For consistency with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the Illinois Joint Guidance for Schools, CBS will consider a fever to be anything 100.4 or over. Students/Staff with temperature of 99.5-100.3 will be immediately rechecked, and the parent will be informed prior to leaving their child. If the parent determines to leave their child at school, they will be monitored by the office until 8:15am at which point their temperature will be rechecked. If it has not worsened, they will be allowed to enter their class. If it continues to rise, they will be isolated and sent home.
8. The IDPH considers 2 or more positive cases within a 14 day period to be an "outbreak". If this were to happen, we would work closely with the Winnebago County Health Department to determine the appropriate steps to keep our students and staff safe. If the WCHD determines that there is a risk to the school community, the school may be closed temporarily for cleaning and disinfection. This initial short- term dismissal allows time for the local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school. This also allows the local health officials to help the school determine appropriate next steps, including whether an extended dismissal duration is needed to stop or slow further spread of COVID-19.
 - a. Alternative strategies, less drastic than closure, might include:
 - i. Quarantining the affected classroom where social distancing is challenging (e.g. early childhood).
 - ii. Suspending affected classes or closing playgrounds.
 - iii. Canceling non-essential activities and meetings. Keeping students in constant class groups or classrooms and moving teachers routinely between classes.
 - iv. Increasing spacing between students in classes.
 - v. Shortening the school week.
 - vi. Staggering school start and lunch/break times across groups or classes