

# North Star Charter School

## Student Procedures and Protocols For Addressing COVID-19

### Student/Parent Self-Screening Procedures:

All students/families, shall ask themselves the following questions daily before allowing their student to attend school:

- Since your last day of school have you had any of these symptoms that are not attributable to another condition?
  - Fever or Chills (100.4°F or 38°C)
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Congestion or Runny Nose
  - Nausea, Vomiting or Diarrhea
  - Muscle or Body Aches
  - New or unusual headache
  - Sore throat
  - New loss of taste or smell.
- In the two weeks before you felt sick, did you:
  - Have contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19?
  - Live in or visit a place where COVID-19 is spreading?
- If the answer is YES to any of these questions:
  - Do not attend school.
  - Contact your school to notify them of your student's need to be absent.
  - Contact your healthcare provider.
  - If you are able to manage your student's symptoms at home, your student may return to school when the following are true:
    - Your medical provider has determined a different illness than COVID-19 and cleared your student to return, or
    - Your student has a negative PCR test result for COVID-19 and no symptoms, or
    - At least 10 days from first clinical diagnosis symptom and at least 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medication and when symptoms are improving.
- Is someone in your household ill?
  - Students who are well but who have a sick family member at home with COVID-19 should stay home with the following options to return:
    - *Non-test-based scenario: Person was exposed, has no symptoms, and was not tested.*
      - Isolation can end after Day 10 from the last day of close contact\* with the positive case, provided no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.

\*Close contact: If this is someone in the household who is unable to isolate from the rest of the household, note that this could potentially be up to 20 days (10 days of contagion from the sick individual plus 10 days to ensure you do not experience symptoms).

- *Test-based scenario: Person was exposed, has no symptoms and was tested*
  - When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available, then isolation can end after Day 7 from the last day of close contact\* if a diagnostic PCR specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring
  - Test method must be a PCR test
  - The specimen may be collected as early as 5 days after exposure
  - Quarantine can end only after the negative test result is available, but no earlier than day 7

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- Students who are well but who have a household member pending a COVID-19 test result should stay home until the pending result is received. If the household member who is ill receives a negative COVID-19 test (no positive tests at any time), students in the household who are well may return to school.

## Procedures and Protocols For A Confirmed COVID-19 Case Among Students:

### ***Student/Family Responsibilities:***

- If you have tested positive or have been confirmed to have COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:
  - Do not attend school.
  - Notify your school of the positive test and your student's need to be absent.
  - Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who have not been tested but were directed to stay home from school may return to school under the following conditions (per CDC guidance):
    - At least 24 hours have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
    - Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); **and,**
    - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
  - Students who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should stay home with the following options to return:
    - *Non-test-based scenario: Person was exposed, has no symptoms, and was not tested.*
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***NSAT (NS Administrative Team) and Human Resources Responsibilities:***

- Contact Central District Health to notify them of student testing positive for COVID-19 and to determine an appropriate course of action based on the specific situation.
- Communications Director, in collaboration with building principal, will communicate with staff, students and parents of the possible exposure to COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality as required by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).
- Human Resources, in collaboration with building principal, will assist Central District Health with Contact Tracing and investigation to determine if the student contracted COVID-19 in the school as needed