
OPERATIONS + PROCEDURES

This section has been developed with the health and safety of our students, staff, and families at the forefront of each decision. This section is fluid and subject to updates based on potential changes at the local, state, and federal levels. As such, these changes are typically beyond the control of the Wauwatosa School District.

ILLNESS

Student Illness

These guidelines have been carefully considered to address and promote our community's safety, health, and welfare. Illness guidelines are the same for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status of communicable diseases.

Symptoms Requiring Absence

- Any ONE of the following symptoms:
 - Fever/chills/generalized body aches
 - Fever constitutes 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit (38C) or higher.
 - Vomiting or diarrhea
 - Cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
 - New loss of taste or smell
- Any TWO of the following symptoms:
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - New Headache
 - Unusual fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Nausea
- The first 24 hours of various antibiotic treatments (i.e., strep throat, pink eye, etc.)
- Undiagnosed, new, and/or untreated rash or skin condition with one of the following:
 - Additional illness symptoms (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, sore throat)
 - Generalized hives
 - Drainage that cannot be contained within a bandaid
 - Cannot leave rash/skin condition alone to focus on learning
- Doctor's note requiring an individualized plan of care to stay home

When to Return: Symptoms Consistent with COVID-19

- Symptoms are considered consistent with COVID-19 when one of the symptoms marked with a (^) or two of the other symptoms are present above the baseline for that individual: Cough^, Shortness of breath or difficulty

breathing[^], New loss of taste or smell[^], Congestion or runny nose, Fever or chills, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea, Headache, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Sore throat

- If diagnosed with COVID-19 and showing symptoms:
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms started AND
 - No fever (100.4F or greater) in at least 24 hours without using any medication to lower fever AND
 - Improvement in symptoms
- If tested positive for COVID-19, but not showing symptoms:
 - 10 days after positive COVID-19 test
- If student or staff are sick, but did not get tested for COVID-19:
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms started AND
 - No fever (100.4F or greater) in at least 24 hours without using any medication to lower fever AND
 - Improvement in symptoms
- If student or staff are sick, but tested negative for COVID-19:
 - Stay home until they feel better and have not vomited, had diarrhea, or a fever within 24 hours without the use of medication.
 - If your student visits a medical provider and your medical provider tells you that your student has something other than COVID-19 (like the flu or hand, foot, and mouth), then you should follow the medical provider’s guidelines for exclusion requirements for that disease.
- Sample Illness Symptom Earliest Return Date Counting:
 - Absent for 10 days after symptoms started (or positive COVID-19 test if COVID-19 positive but not showing symptoms). The day symptoms start is day zero. Day 11 is when the individual can return to school.
 - Example:

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	Symptoms start	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	Earliest Return Date	

When to Return: Symptoms NOT Consistent with COVID-19

- Stay home until they feel better and have not vomited, had diarrhea, or a fever within 24 hours without the use of medication.
- If your student visits a medical provider and your medical provider tells you that your student has something other than COVID-19 (such as the flu or hand, foot, and mouth), then you should follow the medical provider’s guidelines for exclusion requirements for that disease.