



# **FLINT HILLS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

## **COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN 2021-2022**

### **GENERAL COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

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## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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## **KEEPING STUDENTS OR EMPLOYEES HOME**

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## COVID-19 TESTING

### POSITIVE TESTS

If a student or employee tests positive (regardless if vaccinated or not) they are to remain in isolation for 10 days after onset of symptoms **OR** 72 hours after fever is gone without the use of fever reducing medication **AND** there has been a significant improvement in symptoms; *whichever of these is longer*.

Employees or students may return sooner if clearance by a physician or county health department is received.

Any employee or student that has tested positive and shows proof of a positive test from a doctor's office or health department within the last 90 days of an exposure will not need to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic. If symptoms begin, the employee or student will need to follow quarantine requirements.

### CLOSE CONTACTS

Unvaccinated and vaccinated employees and students that have been exposed to a positive Covid-19 case will be notified by the school nurse or other designated school employee. It will be the parent/guardian responsibility to monitor for symptoms of Covid-19. If the student becomes symptomatic, a negative covid test will need to be received before the student can return to school.

Unvaccinated employees and students that are considered a household close contact must quarantine for 10 days. If the employee or student remains asymptomatic the employee or student may return on day 11.

If vaccinated household contacts become symptomatic a negative covid-19 test result is required to return to school.

## FAMILY TRAVEL

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### ATHLETICS

FHCS will follow KCAA guidelines in regards to athletic events. All practices will operate under normal operating procedures.

### QUESTIONS

Questions pertaining to testing and quarantine may be directed to the FHCS School Nurse, Megan D. Steele, at [nurse@fhcsks.org](mailto:nurse@fhcsks.org)

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Communicable Disease	Incubation Period	Period of Communicability	May return to school
<b>BED BUGS</b> <i>Slightly swollen and red area that may itch and be irritating caused by bite marks</i>	Variable	Until bugs are destroyed	Exclusion from school is not required. Treatment of home is highly recommended
<b>CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)</b> <i>Fever, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, vomiting, diarrhea</i>	2-14 Days	Variable	**See Return to School plan
<b>DIARRHEA</b> <i>Watery stools</i>	Variable	Variable	Exclusion from school until 24 hours after the last episode
<b>FIFTH DISEASE</b> <i>Fever and headache followed by a red rash to the face, trunk, arms, and/or legs</i>	4-21 Days	Greatest before onset of rash and while fever is present	Must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication
<b>HAND, FOOT, &amp; MOUTH</b> <i>Fever, malaise, and sore throat. One or two days after fever starts, painful sores or blisters can develop in the mouth, hands, or feet.</i>	3-6 Days	While fever is present	Must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication

<p><b>IMPETIGO</b> <i>Pus filled sore that may have a honey colored crust</i></p>	2-10 Days	Until lesions are healed	Exclusion until 24 hours after initial dose of prescribed medication and lesion is to remain covered until healed.
<p><b>INFLUENZA</b> <i>Fever, cough, nasal congestion, body aches, fatigue, headache</i></p>	1-4 Days	One day before symptoms develop and up to seven days after onset of symptoms	Must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication or 5 days, whichever is longer
<p><b>LICE</b> <i>Tiny insects that can cause scalp itching and irritation. Lice eggs (nits) appear on hair shafts</i></p>	Variable	Until lice and nits are removed	Live lice: Exclusion from school until treatment is received
<p><b>MONONUCLEOUS or EPSTEIN BARR VIRUS (MONO)</b> <i>Fever, extreme fatigue, sore throat, headache, body aches, swollen lymph nodes in the neck and armpits, swollen liver or spleen, and rash.</i></p>	30-50 Days	Prolonged – may persist for a year or more	No exclusion required. Recommended to avoid strenuous activity and contact sports for three to four weeks after the onset of symptoms.
<p><b>MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus)</b> <i>Skin infections that resembles pimples or boils, which can be red, swollen, painful, or have pus or other drainage</i></p>	Variable, but commonly 4 to 10 days	Active non-treated drainage is infectious	Exclusion from school until medical treatment is received and lesion is to remain covered until healed.
<p><b>PINK EYE or</b></p>	1-3 Days	During course of	Bacterial: Exclusion

<p><b>CONJUNCTIVITIS</b>  - <i>Bacterial: pink or reddened sclera, discharge, crusting, itching, painful</i>  - <i>Allergic or viral: watery discharge, itching</i></p>		active infection	until written permission is obtained from a physician to return to school Allergic or Viral: may stay in school
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Antibody testing will not be accepted for admission back to school.

### NEGATIVE TESTS

Unvaccinated employees and students that have been exposed to a positive Covid-19 case must quarantine per county requirements.

Option 1 - As long as the employee or student remains asymptomatic, they will need to quarantine for a minimum of 6 days and then may obtain a PCR test on day 7. If the test is negative, employee/student may resume normal activities on day 8.

Option 2: If the employee or student choose not to be tested, they must remain asymptomatic and quarantine the full 10 days and can resume normal activities on day 11.

Option 3 - If the employee or student is asymptomatic, they may obtain a daily covid test. If test is negative, they may continue in-person learning. Test must be taken the morning of returning to school and must continue to take a daily test through day 7. Employee and student's parent(s) are responsible for all costs associated with testing. If using a home test, email a photo of home test results to the office. If obtaining a test from the health department or a clinic, bring in copy of test results. If employee or

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## VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

Any employee or student that is fully vaccinated (have received the second dose of a 2-dose series and two full weeks have passed or two full weeks have passed since the injection of a 1 dose vaccine) does not have to be quarantined if they are asymptomatic. If the fully vaccinated employee or student develops symptoms, they must follow the above information.

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