



Isolation Room Protocol

Purpose: CDC provides guidance on an isolation plan if someone arrives or becomes ill at school. The definition of **isolation** is “to separate sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick” (CDC 2017).

Isolation Area:

- The isolation area is the room to the north of the Nurse Office. This room offers optimal visualization and monitoring.
 - The school nurse and/or other staff will be able to monitor the student in the isolation room until they are able to be picked up.

Isolation Procedure:

- Any suspected COVID-19 case is immediately brought to the isolation room for assessment
- Staff assessing student should wear face shield, mask, gloves, and a gown if available into the isolation area.

*If your student exhibits **one or more** of the following high-risk symptoms, they will be required to go home and will remain in isolation until they can be picked up:

- New cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fever above 100.0

*If your student exhibits **two or more** of the following low-risk symptoms, they will be required to go home and will remain in isolation until they can be picked up:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Chills
- Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea and/or vomiting

- A face mask will be placed on the student with symptoms of illness and fever if tolerated by the person and developmentally appropriate if the student isn't already wearing one.
- If the school nurse deems that the student is in distress based on physical assessment, the nurse or school staff will call 911 immediately. These symptoms would include, but are not limited to:

*Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

*Oxygen saturation <90% without an underlying respiratory condition

*Persistent pain or pressure in the chest

*Confusion or change in behavior

*Altered level of consciousness

*Circumoral (around the mouth) cyanosis or change in coloring to the face and/or

*Inability to stay awake



- Should the isolated student need to use the restroom, the student will use the restroom located in the secretary's office. The restroom will not be available for use for any other student or staff until it has been disinfected properly. Notification will be posted on the restroom door stating that it is closed. The sign will be removed from the door once the restroom has been properly disinfected.
- The student will exit the building through the East main entrance doors.
- The school nurse or staff member will provide the parent/guardian with instructions regarding the need to home-isolate and contact the student's healthcare provider.
- Schools are not expected to screen/test for COVID-19 or identify cases of COVID-19. MSCD will be working with local public health to help identify individuals who are ill and follow up with the next course of action.
- The isolation room will be disinfected once the student leaves, including high-touch surfaces as the student exits (i.e. door handles).