



COVID-19 Information for Parents

Moshannon Valley Nursing Staff

When should I keep my child home from school?

- When they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms that are not associated with any other known illness. Only ONE of the following symptoms is enough of a sign that the CDC recommends keeping your child home:
 - fever (temp above 100.0 degrees F)
 - cough
 - shortness of breath
 - difficulty breathing
 - or two of the following:
 - sore throat
 - runny nose/congestion
 - chills
 - new lack of smell or taste
 - muscle pain
 - nausea or vomiting
 - headache
 - diarrhea

Should I notify the school of potential exposures outside of school?

- Please keep your child home and contact the school nurse if your child has been in close contact with a family member or person who has tested positive for COVID-19 **-OR-** if you have been contacted by the Department of Health (DOH) contact tracer and have been asked to quarantine.
- Any student/staff who is asked to quarantine by a contact tracer must be cleared to return to school by the DOH.

What happens if my child is sent home ill from school?

- If your child is sent home with a fever (over 100.0 degrees F) **and** COVID-19 symptoms, you shall be required to provide a doctor's note and/or a release from the Department of Health to return to school.

What happens if my child tests positive?

- If your child tests positive for COVID-19, the Department of Health (DOH) nurse will contact you. You will follow their protocol for contact tracing, quarantine, and return to school plan.



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- If a student or staff member tests positive, they will be required to provide a release from their doctor and/or DOH to return to school.

What happens if someone (student or staff) in my child's classroom tests positive for COVID-19?

- If there is a positive case within the school district, the Department of Health (DOH) will contact the school. We will be asked to provide names and contact numbers for students/staff who are considered a close contact of the positive case (students/staff in the same classroom, bus, etc.). This is part of the contact tracing guidelines for the health and safety of all students and staff, and *no additional personal information* will be given.
- At that point, the Department of Health will direct the school to follow a specified procedure/protocol. Moshannon Valley School District will follow all current DOH/PDE guidelines concerning cleaning, school closures, communication with the school community, etc. This may include one or more of the following:
 - Vigilant symptom monitoring
 - Quarantine
 - Temporary classroom closures for disinfecting/cleaning
- Students and staff will be required to provide a doctor's note and/or a release from the Department of Health before returning to school following a positive test.

How will students return to school following Covid-related absences?

- Doctor's notes and/or DOH releases must be either emailed/faxed directly to the school -OR- delivered in person by a parent or guardian to the office.
- Students must be transported to the school by parents/guardians and report to the office before returning to classes.

Will my child still be able to receive required medications and health services throughout the school day?

- Yes, there will be a separate "well" room in the nurse's office for medication administration and first aid care. There will also be a sick area and a separate room for overflow isolation.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to the school nurse's Mrs. Canner or Mrs. Lewis (Email is Preferred)

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Please see the link below from the DOH with back to school parent guidance.

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