Student / Staff Return to School / Work
Illness Response Protocol

Is a student / staff member well enough to come to school?
Self-check at home:
(1) Fever?
(2) Any COVID-19 Symptoms?
(3) Any known close contact with COVID-19 confirmed case within the last 14 days?

“NO” to all three questions

Student / staff member attends school.

Wellness and temperature checks
Wellness and temperature checks may be used for students and staff members on buses, at school entrances, and throughout the school day. Students or staff members who appear to be unwell may be asked for a wellness or temperature check.

Student or staff member passes wellness and temperature check.

Student or staff member remains in school.

“YES” to any question

Student / staff must stay home.
- Staff may use paid sick leave.
- Student is an excused absence.

Student will be isolated from peers and sent home. Staff members will be sent home.

Student or staff member has a fever greater than 100 degrees or any other symptoms

“NO” to all three questions

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Guidance for Schools from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

School Decision Tree

All Schools Regardless of Community Spread

1. Confirmed person with COVID-19 in building?
   - Assess Risk
   - Short (potential 2-5 Day) Building Dismissal to Clean/Disinfect/Contact Trace in consultation with local health officials

No Community Spread

- Prepare
- Teach and reinforce healthy hygiene
- Develop information sharing systems
- Intensify cleaning and disinfection
- Monitor for absenteeism
- Assess group gatherings and events
  - consider postponing non-critical gatherings and events
- Require sick students and staff stay home
- Establish procedures for someone becoming sick at school

Monitor changes in community spread

Minimal to Moderate OR Substantial Community Spread

- Coordinate with local health officials.
- Implement multiple social distancing strategies for gatherings, classrooms, and movement through the building.
- Consider ways to accommodate needs of children and families at high risk.

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Is community spread Minimal to Moderate or Substantial?

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CDC Website: https://bit.ly/2Z2k9tO
**Student suspected case:**
A student reports having a fever, or symptoms consistent with COVID, or having close contact with a confirmed COVID case – the student must **STAY HOME** — see the Illness Response Protocol

**Confirmed / Suspected Case**
Person with a confirmed case or a suspected case (showing symptoms and awaiting testing) and has been physically present in CPS’s schools or buildings within the last **seven (7) days**

**Staff suspected case:**
A staff member reports having a fever, or symptoms consistent with COVID, or having close contact with a confirmed COVID case – Staff member must **STAY HOME** – see the Illness Response Protocol

**All suspected cases (students and staff) should be reported to Cynthia Eghbalnia – Environmental Health and Safety (EHS). EHS will monitor all cases and work with the Cincinnati Health Department to respond to any potential hot spots / flare ups.**

**Assess Risks and Determine Next Steps**
Immediately communicate confirmed cases to **all persons who may have had “close contact” with the confirmed case or any household member of the confirmed case.** Principal / teacher / coach should immediately initiate personal calls, email, robocalls to communicate that there is a confirmed case.

Persons who have been in “close contact” (less than six feet apart for a prolonged period of time, e.g. 15 minutes or more) and anyone experiencing symptoms – should self quarantine for 14 days after last contact with confirmed case.

**Clean / Sanitize**
All areas accessed by the infected person must be cleaned and thoroughly disinfected.

**Temporary Closure – Confirmed Cases Only**
In the case of confirmed cases, a temporary closure (2-5 days) should be ordered based on a risk assessment – starting on the day the District becomes aware of the confirmed case:
- Work with EHS and the Health Department to determine the appropriate scope of the closure necessary to avoid community transmission – e.g., single classroom, grade level, school, or all district schools
- Initial closure should be for 2-5 days to allow for thorough cleaning / disinfecting and to monitor whether additional cases are identified
- Work with EHS and the Health Department to determine whether initial closure should be extended.