

Tioga ISD COVID-19 Student Procedures

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What is considered close-contact and/or Covid-19 exposure according to Tioga ISD administrative policies?

If an individual lives within the same household as another individual that tested positive for Covid-19, then all members within that household are then considered close contacts. Extenuating and/or unusual circumstances will be handled on a case by case basis.

What procedures do students identified as close-contact (defined above) follow:

▪ **Unvaccinated:**

- *Asymptomatic* : Do not report to campus (this includes any extracurricular activities) and notify Lisa Neal, RN (lisa.neal@tiogaisd.net) and report student's absence.

- Quarantine is required for 7 days from the date of last contact with the positive case (notify Lisa Neal if any symptoms occur during the quarantine) **OR**
- Return to campus after day 5, after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5) **OR**
- If a student had COVID-19 within the previous 3 months **and** has recovered **and** remains symptom-free, the student may continue to report to school (verification of the positive test is required to have on file).

- *Symptomatic*: Notify Lisa Neal and begin an additional quarantine of 7 days from onset of student's symptoms.

▪ **Vaccinated:**

- *Asymptomatic*: Return to school after proof of vaccination provided and continue to closely monitor symptoms at home (report symptoms if they occur).

- *Symptomatic*: Quarantine for 7 days from onset of symptoms (for symptoms occurring after a tested positive case identified in the household).

* CDC recommends that fully vaccinated people get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they do not have symptoms. Tioga ISD recommends that these individuals wear a mask indoors in public for 10 days following exposure or until their test result is negative within the 3-5 day timeframe. Fully vaccinated people should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following exposure.

What procedures do students who have tested positive for COVID-19 follow?

Students who test positive for COVID-19 whether vaccinated or not, are asked not to report to campus. Parents of the student are asked to immediately contact Lisa Neal, RN either by phone or by email if it is outside of school hours.

Students can return to school after:

- 7 days since symptoms first appeared or since test date if asymptomatic **AND**
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **AND**
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. (*Note: the loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the return to work*).

The school district does not require a negative test for the student to return to school.

What procedure do students who show symptoms of illness but have not been identified as a close contact and have not tested positive for Covid follow?

Students must be 24 hours free of fever (100° F or higher) without the use of fever-reducing medications, vomiting and diarrhea before returning to campus. Absences need to be reported by email (see below). The health office will assist parents with making sure the student is well enough to be cleared for return to class.

All absences need to be reported to elms.attendance@tiogaisd.net for Elementary and Middle School and to hsattendance@tiogaisd.net for High School.