



Guidelines and Communication Protocol for Student/Staff Member with Confirmed Case of COVID-19, COVID-19 Symptoms or Family Member with Confirmed Case

The following symptoms may be indicative of COVID-19:

(CDC Symptoms)

Signs or symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

- Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Chills/repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Fever $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ or feverish feeling
- Known close contact with a person who has COVID-19

If a student or staff member is confirmed to have a case of COVID-19 (parent or staff member must provide documentation from their healthcare provider of PCR COVID-19 test), the following protocol will be activated immediately:

- Principal will investigate and identify close contacts and immediately notify the school nurse, who will notify Waterbury's Contact Tracing Team. School building administration will ensure proper sanitizing of affected classrooms and common areas or the entire school campus.
 - **For students in a classroom setting, close contact is defined as:**
 - Spending at least 15 minutes (within one day) **within 3 feet** of a person with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 during their infectious period or having direct contact with an infected person's droplets.
 - **For adults and students in all other school settings, close contact is defined as:**
 - Spending at least 15 minutes (within one day) **within 6 feet** of a person with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 during their infectious period or having direct contact with an infected person's droplets.

- Timely notification will be made to the school community through ParentSquare while maintaining confidentiality.
- Superintendent Ruffin, in collaboration with the City of Waterbury, the city's Director of Public Health and School Medical Advisor, will make the appropriate decision regarding a classroom or building closure.

If a student or staff member develop symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day:

- Immediately isolate the student/staff member with COVID-19 **symptoms** at school. The staff member will be sent home immediately and the student's parent/guardian contacted. If a student/staff member becomes ill at home, they should stay home and notify the Principal immediately (**do not wait until the next school day**).
- If individual is cleared to return to school,, the parent/staff member **must provide documentation from their healthcare provider of a negative test result or an alternate diagnosis..** Student will be able to learn from home during the isolation period.
- If the individual is confirmed to have COVID-19, they should notify the Principal immediately. The protocol outlined above will be activated.

If a student or staff member has close contact with individual confirmed to have a case of COVID-19 (i.e. family member):

SYMPTOMS:

- If a student/staff member had close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19 and *has* symptoms themselves, immediately isolate them. The staff member will be sent home immediately and the student's parent/guardian contacted. If a student/staff member becomes ill at home, they should stay home and notify the Principal immediately (**do not wait until the next school day**).
- If individual tests **negative**: In accordance with the CT DPH, self-quarantine for 14 days from exposure and until at least 24 hours have passed with no fever (without fever-reducing medications) and with improvement in other symptoms.
- If individual tests **positive**: "Confirmed Positive Case" protocol outlined above will be activated immediately.

NO SYMPTOMS:

- If a student/staff member had close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19, but they themselves do not have symptoms, they should stay home and notify the Principal immediately (**do not wait until the next school day**) and get tested.
- If individual tests **negative**: In accordance with the CT DPH, self-quarantine for 14 days from exposure and until at least 24 hours have passed with no fever (without fever-reducing medications) and with improvement in other symptoms.

- If individual tests **positive**: "Confirmed Positive Case" protocol outlined above will be activated immediately.