

Columbia School District #206

COVID-19 Daily Wellness Screenings and Illness-Related Absences

We want to communicate as clearly as possible the guidance we receive from various state and local agencies in order to offer in-person learning options for Columbia students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This informational sheet covers the most recent guidance we have regarding the required COVID-19 Daily Symptom Checklist screening for all students and school employees attending in-person learning.

The Northeast Tri-County Health District's screening questions for schools are as follows:

1. In the **last 3 days** has your student had any of the following symptoms not caused by another condition?
 - Fever of 100.4 F or higher
 - Cough
 - Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing
 - Loss of Taste or Smell
 - Fatigue
 - Headache
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Sore Throat
 - Congestion or Runny Nose
 - Nausea or Vomiting
 - Diarrhea (2 or more loose stools in 24 hours)
2. In the **last 10 days** has your student:
 - Had a positive COVID-19 test result?
 - Been in close contact (15 min or more and less than 6 ft apart) with anyone with confirmed COVID-19?
 - Been told by a public health official to stay home?

If any answers are "YES", keep your student home and contact the school

Daily Symptom Checklist Screenings will be completed in ONE of the following ways:

Guardian Attestation

Completed at home by guardian either by "yellow form" and sent with your student to school or online through Skyward.

In-Person Screening

Completed at the school door by a trained school employee if no attestation or pass in lanyard from home

Over-the-Phone Screening

Completed by a trained school employee with guardian over the phone for:

- K-5th students w/o attestation
- or
- For any Illness-related absence

If a student or staff member does NOT PASS a screening they will be directed to NOT be in the school building, stay home, and use our remote-learning option for either:

For "Class A Symptoms" of fever (>100.4), cough, loss of taste/smell, or shortness of breath (also for 2 or more Class B or 1 Class B lasting more than 24 hr):

- 10 days home & fever-free for 24hrs
- or
- A doctor's note for earlier return
- or
- A negative COVID-19 result, symptoms improved & fever free

For 1 "Class B Symptom" lasting less than 24 hrs: fatigue, headache, muscle/body ache, sore throat, congestion, nausea/vomiting or diarrhea:

- 24 hours home (ONLY return if symptoms have improved in 24 hours)
- or
- A doctor's note if longer than 24 hrs
- or
- A negative COVID-19 result, symptoms improved & fever free

For Confirmed Close Contact COVID-19 Exposure:

- 7 days home, may return after 7 days if no symptoms occurred, no one else in household is positive and isolating & receive a negative test result from testing in days 5-7 of quarantine. Do not test before day 5.
- or
- 10 days home, may return after 10 days if no symptoms occurred & no one else in household is positive & isolating.