



# COVID-19 RESPONSE Decision Tree For Students and Staff Grant County Schools

## \*Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever > 100.4 or chills
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

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Student/Staff  
with COVID-19  
**signs & symptoms\***  
or a  
fever >100.4

Symptom and fever free for 24 hours  
without taking fever-reducing  
medication.  
**OR**  
Receives a definitive alternate diagnosis  
from a medical provider and are able to  
provide documentation stating they  
may return to school.

May return  
to school

Student/Staff  
**test positive**  
for COVID-19  
**WITH**  
**SYMPTOMS**

Student / Staff should remain isolated until they have recovered.  
The non-test based method isolation requires a person to meet the 3  
following criteria:

1. They have been fever free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medication **AND**
2. Any symptoms experienced are improving **AND**
3. It has been at least 10 days since the symptoms started.

**OR**  
Student / Staff are released from quarantine by the Health Department /  
medical provider and are able to provide documentation stating they may  
return to school.

May return  
to school

Student/Staff  
test positive for  
COVID-19 **WITH**  
**NO SYMPTOMS**

Student / Staff should remain isolated until 10 days after the TEST date.  
If they develop symptoms at any point during this time, they will need to  
follow the above symptomatic guidance.  
**OR**  
Student / Staff are released from quarantine by the Health Department /  
medical provider and are able to provide documentation stating they may  
return to school.

May return  
to school

Seating charts are  
provided to the  
School Nurse

School Nurse contacts the Health Department  
with list of Student / Staff with household  
members or close contact to COVID-19 positive.

Student or Staff with contact to  
COVID-19 positive household member

Self-quarantine for 14 days AFTER the household member is  
recovered.  
If household member does not have symptoms, refer to info  
above to determine when self-quarantining begins.  
Recovery requires a case to meet the 3 following criteria:

1. They have been fever free for 3 days without use of fever-reducing medication **AND**
2. Any respiratory symptoms experienced are improving **AND**
3. It has been at least 10 days since the symptoms started.

Student or Staff with close contact to  
COVID-19 positive non-household member.  
(Close contact is defined as: within 6 feet of a  
positive case for 15 minutes or longer regardless  
of mask use.)

If social distancing was maintained throughout time together,  
then no quarantine is required.  
If social distancing was not maintained throughout time  
together: Self-quarantine for 14 days after their last exposure  
to the positive case.  
If symptoms develop, follow guidelines above.



Dear Families –

We are starting school in unprecedented times. COVID-19 has created many challenges and we are, therefore, asking that everyone do their part in keeping all of our students and staff healthy.

There are several things you can do at home to help prevent illness and keep everyone feeling healthy. Here are some tips to remember:

- WASH, WASH, WASH YOU HANDS! This is still the best defense against illness. Encourage your children to wash, especially before meals, using soap and warm water. To ensure they are taking enough time to adequately kill germs, have them sing the ABC song while scrubbing.
- Get plenty of rest. School-age children should get 9 – 11 hours of sleep each night. Adults should try to get 8 hours.
- Drink lots of fluids and eat a balanced diet – especially breakfast.

Unfortunately, even with the best care, a virus can make us sick. Please keep in mind the guidelines below when deciding if your child should come to school. Any child with the following symptoms should **stay home**:

- A fever of 100.4 degrees or higher. A child cannot come back to school until the temperature is normal for 24 hours without medication,
- AND/OR a new, persistent cough that interrupts breathing,
- AND/OR vomiting or diarrhea,
- AND/OR a new rash,
- AND/OR exposure to a COVID-19 case in prior 48-hour period,
- AND/OR a new loss of smell or taste.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's illness, please feel free to contact your child's school at the numbers provided below:

Crittenden-Mt. Zion Elementary 859-428-2171	Mason-Corinth Elementary 859-824-9510	Grant County Middle School 859-824-7161
Dry Ridge Elementary 859-824-4484	Sherman Elementary 859-428-5500	Grant County High School 859-824-9739

Finally, if you have a change in address or phone number, please remember to contact the school office. It is very important to be able to reach you in the event your child becomes ill at school.

Thank you in advance for your efforts in ensuring the safest possible environment for our students and staff.

Sincerely,  
Mary Beagle, BSN, RN, NCSN  
District Health Coordinator



# COVID-19 EXCLUSION CRITERIA

Staff and students should stay home or be sent home if any of the following occur:

- Temperature greater than 100.4
- AND/OR cough
- AND/OR vomiting / diarrhea
- AND/OR new rash
- AND/OR new loss of taste or smell
- AND/OR exposure to COVID-19 CASE in 48-hour period.