

Notice of Emergency Rule: Protocols for Controlling COVID-19 in School Settings
Rule NO: 64DER21-15

PROTOCOLS FOR SYMPTOMATIC OR COVID-19 POSITIVE

Schools will ensure students experiencing any symptoms consistent of COVID-19 or who have received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 shall not attend school, school-sponsored activities or be on school property until:

- A. The student receives a negative diagnostic COVID-19 test and is asymptomatic.**
OR
- B. Ten days have passed since the onset of symptoms or positive test result, the student has had no fever for 24 hours and the student's other symptoms are improving.**
OR
- C. The student receives written permission to return to school from a medical doctor licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459, or an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 464.**

PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

Schools will allow parents or legal guardians the authority to choose how their child receives education after having direct contact with an individual who received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19. Parents may choose one of the following options:

- A. Allow the student to attend school, school sponsored activities, or be on school property, without restrictions or disparate treatment, so long as the student remains asymptomatic.**
OR
- B. Quarantine the student for a period not to exceed seven days from the date of last direct contact with an individual that is positive for COVID-19.**
- If the student becomes symptomatic following direct contact with an individual that has tested positive for COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19, the procedures set forth for symptomatic students and COVID-19 positive students shall apply. Rulemaking Authority 1003.22(3) FS. Law Implemented 1003.22(3) FS. History-New.**

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This rule takes effect upon being filed with the department of state unless a later time and date is specified in the rule.

PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS WITH PRIOR COVID-19 INFECTIONS

- A. Positive case within the previous 90 days or fully vaccinated - No action required.**
- B. Symptomatic - Refer to guidance from SYMPTOMATIC OR COVID-19 POSITIVE section.**

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