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The Rhode Island Education Operations Center

Back-to-School Bulletin

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Important COVID-19 Protocols for Families

The Education Operations Center Outreach Team has received an increase in reports from individual schools, the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), and the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) that there is an influx of students who have been symptomatic or identified as close contacts, of either probable (tested and pending COVID-19 test results) or confirmed COVID-19 positive individuals, who continue to attend school instead of home quarantining as directed by RIDOH.

- If you, a household member, or your child is a probable case, have confirmed COVID-19, or have any of the symptoms as indicated in the chart below please keep your child at home. If your child is sent to school, this will cause an increased risk of exposure to classmates and faculty.

Cough (new)	<p>If your child has ANY ONE of these symptoms, your child needs a COVID-19 test.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call your child’s healthcare provider for medical advice. • Call 844-857-1814 to schedule a test.
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	
New loss of taste	
New loss of smell	
Fever (temperature higher than 100.4° or feels feverish to the touch)	<p>If your child has TWO OR MORE of these symptoms, your child needs a COVID-19 test.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call your child’s healthcare provider for medical advice. • Call 844-857-1814 to schedule a test.
Chills	
Muscle or body aches	
Headache	<p>If your child has ONLY ONE of these symptoms,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call your child’s healthcare provider for medical advice. • Keep your child at home until they have had no fever for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine and they are feeling better (symptoms are better). • Your child’s healthcare provider may recommend testing.
Sore throat	
Fatigue	
Congestion or runny nose (new)	
Nausea or vomiting	
Diarrhea	

If your child has been deemed to be a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, RIDOH will notify you and your child and provide further instructions. Close contacts are determined by RIDOH, and by definition, means being within six feet of someone with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer.

After being in quarantine, your child can go back to school when:

- 1. The 14-day quarantine time has ended; AND**
- 2. Your child feels good and has no symptoms of COVID-19 listed on the first page; AND**
- 3. Your child had a negative COVID-19 test result if they were tested.**

It is critical that parents/guardians follow this guidance very carefully. In addition, school personnel should ensure proper entry screening is conducted in a manner that would successfully identify these students who should not be in class but instead, home under quarantine.

**Should you have additional questions please contact the Education Operations Center at
(401) 277-1440.**

EdOC After Hours: (401) 451-1907

K-12 Testing Hotline (844) 857-1814 (To schedule a test)

RIDOH Hotline (401) 222-8022



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