

Endeavor Charter School

Management of Possible, Suspected, Presumptive and Confirmed Positive Cases of COVID-19

**Asymptomatic Positive COVID-19 Cases**

<b><u>Rapid Antigen Test</u></b>	<b><u>Rapid Antigen and PCR</u></b>	<b><u>PCR Testing</u></b>
<p>If no further testing is done, this counts as a positive test result. Students must isolate at home for 5 days from the positive test date, and wear a well-fitting mask at school for the next 5 days.</p>	<p>If a rapid antigen test is positive, with no symptoms, and a student is retested with a <b>PCR</b> test within <b>48 hours</b> of the initial test, and that test is negative, the student may return to school the next day. The rapid test would be considered a false positive.</p> <p>If the PCR test is also positive, the student must isolate at home for 5 days from the first positive test date, and wear a well-fitting mask at school for the next 5 days.</p>	<p>If a student tests positive with a PCR test, this is considered a positive test result. No other testing is recommended.</p> <p>Students with a positive PCR test must isolate for 5 days from the positive test date, and wear a well-fitting mask at school for the next 5 days.</p>

**Symptomatic Positive COVID-19 Cases**

<b><u>Rapid Antigen or PCR Testing</u></b>
<p>If a student is having symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and tests positive on either a rapid antigen test or a PCR test, this is considered a positive result. Students with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must isolate with any positive test.</p> <p>A student may return once it has been <u>5 days after the start of symptoms</u> <b>AND</b> it has been <u>24 hours since they last had a fever</u> (without the use of fever reducing medication; <b>AND</b> other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. The student must continue to wear a mask at all times for 10 days from the start of symptoms.</p>

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**Students with Symptoms consistent with COVID-19**

<b><u>NO Testing for COVID</u></b>	<b><u>Testing for COVID</u></b>	<b><u>Normal Return to School Guidelines</u></b>
<p>Students has symptoms of COVID-19 and has not been tested for COVID-19, nor visited a healthcare provider.</p> <p>This person is presumed positive for COVID-19 due to a clinically compatible illness in the absence of testing.</p> <p>See guidelines above for symptomatic positive.</p>	<p>If a student has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, but tests negative and/or visits a healthcare provider and receives an alternate diagnosis to explain the symptoms is NOT required to isolate.</p> <p>Rapid antigen results will be accepted in this scenario for students with no known or suspected exposure to COVID-19 in the past 14 days or students who are fully vaccinated. All others should seek PCR testing.</p>	<p>Students may return to school when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It has been 24 hours since they last had symptoms (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, etc) without the use of medication; <b>AND</b></li> <li>- They have felt well for 24 hours.</li> <li>- Please see the <a href="#">student handbook</a> for more details</li> </ul>

\*For individuals exposed to COVID-19, the day of exposure is considered day zero(0). For positive cases, the day of symptom onset is day zero (0), or for individuals without symptoms, the day of specimen collection is considered day zero (0).

<b><u>Symptoms consistent with COVID-19</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fever or chills (fever is defined as 100.4 or higher orally)</li> <li>- Cough</li> <li>- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li> <li>- Fatigue</li> <li>- Muscle or body aches</li> <li>- Headache (especially those different from normal, or unrelieved with medication)</li> <li>- New loss of taste or smell</li> <li>- Sore throat</li> <li>- Congestion or runny nose</li> <li>- Nausea or vomiting</li> <li>- Diarrhea</li> </ul> <p>Students, teachers and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home and seek medical treatment for testing and care. Staying home when sick is essential to preventing the spread of illness in schools.</p>

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**COVID-19 Exposure Guidelines:**

- Effective February 21, 2022 all public schools in the state of North Carolina will discontinue contact tracing and quarantine of asymptomatic students at school, regardless of vaccination status.
- Students who have a known or suspected exposure to COVID-19 are not required to quarantine at home, away from school. Quarantine guidelines still apply in other situations outside of K-12 schools. Please seek guidance from your local health department or healthcare provider on quarantining outside of school.
- Contact tracing will no longer take place at the school level. Endeavor Charter School will continue to update our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) twice weekly with positive COVID-19 cases.
- Effective Feb 22, 2022 masking will be optional for all students, staff and visitors of Endeavor Charter School. Exceptions to this rule are detailed in this document (return after a positive COVID-19 case, notification of known exposure to COVID-19).

**Guidelines for students exposed to COVID-19**



<p>Students are no longer required to quarantine from school if asymptomatic. If symptoms arise, your student should stay home from school and seek COVID-19 testing.</p>	<p>Students are required to wear a well-fitting mask at school for 10 days after the last known exposure.</p>	<p>Testing Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Immediately if symptoms present.</li> <li>- On day 5 after exposure, unless you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days.</li> </ul>
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**Testing for COVID-19**

- Rapid Antigen tests will continue to be available on campus for students and staff. Students displaying COVID-19 symptoms are still required to be excluded from school until return guidelines are met, but testing can be completed prior to leaving campus for the day. Please contact the [school nurse](#) with questions about testing at school.
- PCR testing is widely available in our community. You may choose to visit your child’s healthcare provider for testing. Wake County Public Health also offers a variety of no-cost, drive-thru testing options. You can find more information about those sites [here](#).