

Health Pandemic Parent-Student Information

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Daily Self-Certification via Crisis Go

Parent must complete self-certification via Crisis Go daily for in-person learners or in-person learners within one hour prior to the start of the school day. Access to Crisis Go is available on the www.summithill.org website.

Parent must complete the following questions via Crisis Go prior to the arrive of school or the beginning of remote learning day:

Have you experienced ANY of these symptoms in the past 24 hours?	Yes	No
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Fever (100.4 degrees or higher)

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Chills

Fatigue from unknown cause

Muscle or body aches

Headache

New loss of taste or smell

Sore Throat

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Diarrhea

Abdominal pain from an unknown cause

Close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID 19 or that had symptoms

Once you have self-certified your child, please ensure they wear the Summit Hill Strong bracelet provided to them as they got on the school bus or enter the building.

Absence Reporting

If your child is unable to come to school, please call the school office in addition to completing the self-certification through Crisis Go.

Please provide a clear description of the reason for your child's absence, especially if it may be COVID-related.

Lack of Self-Certification

The following are the procedures when addressing a lack of student self-certification for a student not wearing “Summit Hill Strong” wristband:

1. The student will be screened by the school staff by taking temperature and completing the symptom checklist.
2. If the student’s temperature is below 100.4 degrees and the symptom screening is negative, the student will be released to attend class. They will be given a temporary paper wristband to indicate the student has been screened by staff.
3. The office staff will follow up with the parents to address self-certification requirements.
4. If the student has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher and/or has reported symptoms of COVID-19, student will be placed in the isolation room and sent home.

Face Coverings

- A face covering is required for all students; athletic masks such as gaiters are not considered an acceptable face covering.
- A “Mask Exemption” form is required if your child is unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition. The form must be completed by a physician and reviewed by the school administration and school nurse prior to returning. The form is posted on our district’s website under Parents and Students/COVID-19 Information and available from your school nurse.
- A face shield is not a substitute for a mask.

Hand Hygiene at School

Students will be expected to wash hands/use hand sanitizer during the school day during the following times:

- Upon arrival to school
- After using the washroom
- Before and after lunch
- After recess
- As needed

Students are allowed to bring and use their own hand sanitizer to school.

Child becomes ill while at school

If your child exhibits any of the following symptoms, they will be sent home from school:

Fever (100.4 degrees or higher)

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Fatigue from an unknown cause

Headache

Sore throat

Nausea or vomiting

Abdominal pain from an unknown cause

Cough

Chills

Muscle or body aches

New loss of taste or smell

Congestion or runny nose

Diarrhea

Reported close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 or that had symptoms

Parent Contact Information

If your child develops COVID-like symptoms at school, it is imperative that they be picked up in a timely manner to limit the exposure to others.

It is very important that you keep your contact information updated in PowerSchool.

If your child becomes ill, we will call the first and second numbers on your list. Please provide us with emergency contacts in PowerSchool that can pick up your child should you be unable to come to school within 30 minutes. If there are concerns about your child's health and safety and we are unable to reach you, we will enlist the assistance of emergency personnel.

Family members are Sick

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health Exclusion Guidelines, if a child or other family member has symptoms described on the Self-Certification Checklist, the family members must quarantine for 14 days unless the following documentation is submitted to the school:

- The ill student has a negative COVID-19 test
- A note from the physician indicating an alternate diagnosis for the ill student

Returning to School after an Illness

Your child is not required to get a COVID-19 test when ill.

In order to return to school, a student must have:

A negative COVID-19 test or a physician's note providing an alternate diagnosis

AND

Symptoms have improved or resolved per the school criteria for diagnosed condition (i.e. free of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours).

COVID-19 Testing Locations

Visit the Will County Health Department website for the current testing sites in your area.

www.willcountyhealth.org/coronavirus-information

Your school nurse will have a list for you and it is posted on our website under Student Health information.

Exposure to a person with COVID-19 while at school

If your child is considered a close contact and exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 while at school or on the bus, the school will notify you through a phone call or PowerSchool message.

Your child will be required to remain at home from school for 14 days and may return based on the information described in the COVID-19 Exclusion Guidance Document.

The identity of the infected person is confidential and will not be released.

Please note:

A close contact is anyone (with or without a face covering) who was within 6 feet of a confirmed case of COVID-19 (with or without a face covering), for at least 15 minutes throughout the course of a day. The period of close contact begins two (2) calendar days before the onset of symptoms (for a symptomatic person) or two (2) calendar days before the positive sample was obtained (for an asymptomatic person). If the case was symptomatic (e.g. coughing, sneezing), persons with briefer periods of exposure may also be considered contacts.

Travel during the School Year

If your family is traveling domestically or internationally during the school year:

Be sure to check the Illinois Department of Public Health website to see if there are any quarantine restrictions for return to Illinois from certain travel locations.

Additional Resources

The following slides contain resources from the Illinois Department of Public Health



COVID-19 INTERIM EXCLUSION GUIDANCE¹

Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals in Pre-K, K-12 Schools and Day Care Programs



Send home or deny entry (and provide remote instruction) if ANY of the following symptoms² are present: Fever (100.4°F or higher), new onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain from unknown cause, new congestion/runny nose, new loss of sense of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue from unknown cause, muscle or body aches.

Medical Evaluation and Testing are Strongly Recommended for ALL Persons with COVID-Like Symptoms.

Status	A. COVID-19 diagnostic test Positive (confirmed case) OR COVID-like symptoms without COVID-19 testing and exposed to confirmed case (probable case)	B. Symptomatic individual with a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test <i>(Negative COVID-19 diagnostic tests must be from a specimen collected up to 48 hours prior to symptom onset or after and is valid for only the date the specimen was collected.)</i>	C. Symptomatic individual with an alternative diagnosis without negative COVID-19 diagnostic test	D. Symptomatic individual without diagnostic testing or clinical evaluation <i>Individuals may move to Columns A, B, or C based on results of diagnostic testing and/or clinical evaluation.</i>	E. Asymptomatic individual who is a close contact ⁵ to a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case
Evaluated by Healthcare Provider	YES / NO	YES / NO	YES	NO	NA
Return to School Guidance	Stay home at least ten ³ calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms.	Stay home until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition ⁴ . Follow provider directions, recommended treatment & return to school guidance as per school policies and IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools .	Stay home until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition ⁴ . Follow provider directions, recommended treatment & return to school guidance as per school policies and IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools .	Stay home at least ten ³ calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms.	Stay home for 14 calendar days after last exposure to the COVID-19 case. <i>If COVID-19 illness develops, use the ten-day isolation period³ guidance for a COVID-19 case from the onset date. Testing is recommended.</i>
Quarantine for Close Contacts?	YES	NO	NO	Household Member (e.g., Siblings, Parent) ⁵	NA
Documentation Required to Return to School	Release from Isolation letter (if received from their LHD) provided by the parent/guardian or staff person, notification via phone, secure email or fax from the LHD to the school, OR other process implemented by your LHD	Negative COVID-19 test result OR healthcare provider's note indicating the negative test result	Healthcare provider's note with alternative diagnosis	After the ten-day exclusion, a note from parent/guardian documenting that the ill student and/or household contacts are afebrile without fever-reducing medication and symptoms have improved	Release from Quarantine letter (if received from their LHD) provided by the parent/guardian or staff member, LHD notification via phone, secure email or fax to the school OR other process implemented by your LHD

¹ Based on available data and science, schools must make local decisions informed by local context in consultation with their local public health department. This chart should be used in conjunction with the [Public Health Interim Guidance for Pre-K-12 Schools and Day Care Programs for Addressing COVID-19](#).

² New onset of a symptom not attributed to allergies or a pre-existing condition.

³ Severely immunocompromised or severely ill: may need to isolate for 20 days as per guidance from the individual's infectious disease physician.

⁴ If the individual has been identified by public health for quarantine or knows they are a close contact to a case, the 14-calendar-day quarantine must be completed.

⁵ Consider quarantine for other close contacts if there was poor adherence to social distancing or use of face coverings.

⁶ Contacts to close contacts of a case do not need to be excluded unless the close contact becomes a confirmed or probable case.



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COVID-19 Quarantine vs. Isolation

QUARANTINE keeps someone who was in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 away from others.



If you had close contact with a person who has COVID-19



• Stay home until 14 days after your last contact.



• Check your temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms of COVID-19.



• If possible, stay away from people who are at higher-risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

ISOLATION keeps someone who is sick or tested positive for COVID-19 without symptoms away from others, even in their own home.



If you are sick and think or know you have COVID-19



• Stay home until after
– 3 days with no fever and
– Symptoms improved and
– 10 days since symptoms first appeared



If you tested positive for COVID-19 but do not have symptoms



• Stay home until after
– 10 days have passed since your positive test.



If you live with others, stay in a specific "sick room" or area and away from other people or animals, including pets. Use a separate bathroom, if available.



Questions about COVID-19?
Call 1-800-889-3931 or email dph.sick@illinois.gov
Illinois Department of Public Health - www.dph.illinois.gov

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COVID-19 Face Covering Do's & Don'ts

DO:

- ✓ Make sure you can breathe through it
- ✓ Wear it whenever going out in public
- ✓ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth
- ✓ Wash after using

DON'T:

- ✗ Use on children under age 2
- ✗ Use surgical masks or other personal protective equipment (PPE) intended for health care workers



How to Wear a Cloth Face Covering

Cloth face coverings should:

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape



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