

WPS COVID-19 Protocols - FAQs

What should I do if my child tests positive for COVID-19?

- **Isolate** your child immediately and [follow steps](#) to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in your household. **Contact the school nurse or building principal** to provide information on testing date, symptom date and close contacts. The school will provide isolation dates as well as return to school dates and will work with your child to provide remote learning opportunities during the time of isolation.

If my child is in contact of a positive case outside of school, can my child still go to school?

- If your child is **not** fully vaccinated, they will be considered a close contact and will need to quarantine. Please contact the school nurse or building principal to learn quarantine dates and return to school dates. Note - If your child is designated as a household close contact of a positive COVID-19 case, is not able to isolate at home (own bedroom/bathroom away from positive case), and has ongoing contact with the positive case, then the quarantine date is extended for the 10-day isolation period plus an additional 10 days.
- If your child is fully vaccinated and the school has verified the vaccination documentation, then your child may attend school as long as he/she is symptom free. It is a CDC recommendation that your child is tested 3-5 days post-exposure and wear a mask in indoor public settings for 14 days following exposure or until receiving a negative test result. If your child tests positive, please contact the school nurse immediately and have your child isolate for 10 days.

How is contact tracing conducted in the schools and what does it mean if my child is identified by the school as a “close contact”?

- Contact tracing is conducted by the school administration in conjunction with classroom teachers, the bus company as well as other designated staff. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines a close contact as someone within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more, cumulatively, over 24 hours, indoors or outdoors regardless of masks. For students (not teachers or others) in a classroom setting only, if both parties wore masks for entire duration of their contact, a close contact is a student within 3 feet for 15 minutes or more (cumulative over a 24 hour period).

- If your child is determined to be a close contact of a positive case in the school, you will be contacted immediately and asked to quarantine your child for 10 days after the last contact with the positive. The school nurse or building principal will provide information on quarantine dates as well as return to school dates. Your child's teacher(s) will provide remote learning opportunities for your child during the time of quarantine.

My child has symptoms of COVID-19. Should I still send them to school or what are the procedures?

- We encourage students to stay home when they are sick. Please call the school nurse to report the sickness/absence. Students may return to school with a negative COVID-19 test or an alternate diagnosis from a doctor.
- Reminder - Students are encouraged to self-screen before leaving for school. Check to ensure temperature is below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit and observe for symptoms associated with COVID-19 as outlined by public health officials.

How does the district determine the policies and procedures set forth for isolation, quarantine and contact tracing?

- The Waterford Public School district implements strategies based on recommendations, guidance, and requirements as articulated by the CDC, CT DPH, CSDE, Governor's Executive Orders, our local health district and our district medical advisor.

How do I provide my child's vaccination documentation to the school?

- Parents/guardians may upload the vaccination documentation via the online form.

LINK - <https://schools.scriptapp.com/#/workflow-submission/142524383375eae46aa6664346b04084785750e1b5>.

The form will be automatically routed to the school nurse for review.

More information can be found in the [Waterford Public Schools Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan 2021-2022 School Year](#).