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Denison ISD Family:

Please take a moment to review the COVID exclusion and re-entry criteria with attendance protocol. The full 22-23 COVID Response Plan can be accessed at:

<https://www.denisonisd.net/2022-2023-disd-return-to-school>.

Please be aware that every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 3 rounds of free at-home tests. Each order now includes 8 rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. Shipping is free. Order yours today at

<https://www.covid.gov/tests>.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your campus nurse.

COVID Exclusion and Attendance Protocol

SCENARIO	EXCLUSION AND RE-ENTRY CRITERIA	ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL
Positive COVID-19 test (symptomatic or asymptomatic) Students – contact campus nurse	Exclude for 5 days. May return at the end of 5-day period if there is improvement of symptoms and individual has been fever free for 24 hours. (No option to return sooner) Students who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 5 days after the day they were tested.	In order for absences to be excused the student must meet one of the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) COVID positive lab report provided 2) Picture of positive at-home COVID test provided. <u>Test unit must be labeled with the student's name and test date using a permanent marker.</u> 3) Physician note stating COVID positive diagnosis provided. <p><i>If excused absence criteria is not met, exclusion will still be enforced, and absences will be marked as unexcused.</i></p>
COVID-like symptom(s) (experienced in a way that is not normal) Students – contact campus nurse	Exclude for 5 days. May return at the end of 5-day period if there is improvement of symptoms and individual has been fever free for 24 hours. To return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual may either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis, or (b) obtain an acute infection test that comes back negative for COVID-19, and have symptom improvement. At home tests must be labeled with the student's name and test date using a permanent marker.	In order for absences to be excused the student must meet one of the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Clinical assessment provided by campus nurse. This option is only available to students who become symptomatic while at school. 2) COVID negative lab report provided. 3) Picture of negative at-home COVID test provided. Test unit must be labeled with the student's name and test date using a permanent marker. 4) Physician note stating alternative diagnosis provided. <p><i>If excused absence criteria is not met, exclusion will still be enforced, and absences will be marked as unexcused.</i></p>

Denison Independent School District 2022-2023 COVID-19 Staff Response Plan

SCENARIO	Actions to Take	EXCLUSION AND RE-ENTRY CRITERIA
<p>Staff member suspects that they are actively sick with COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact campus administrator/principal <p><u>Early Return Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID testing - If negative, notify campus administrator and return to work when well. No further action required. If positive, complete actions in positive COVID-19 row • Physician's Visit – if alternative diagnosis is given, notify campus administrator and return to work when well. No further action required. <p><u>No Early Return Actions Completed (will be treated as presumed positive)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Employee Health Report • Contact campus administrator/principal on day 5, only if you have not had symptom improvement and/or you have not been fever free for 24hrs. 	<p>If early return actions are not completed: Exclude for 5 days from symptom onset. May return after day 5, if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever free for 24hrs • Symptom Improvement <p><i>HR Director will contact you after receiving your Health Report to inform you of your return to work date.</i></p>
<p>Positive COVID-19 test (symptomatic or asymptomatic)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact campus administrator/principal • Complete Employee Health Report (located on DISD website under staff links) • Email a copy of positive lab report to HR Director or a picture of positive at-home test. Test unit must be labeled with your name and test date using a permanent marker. • Contact campus administrator/principal on day 5, only if you have not had symptom improvement and/or you have not been fever free for 24hrs. 	<p>Exclude for 5 days. May return after day 5, if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever free for 24hrs • Symptom Improvement <p><i>HR Director will contact you after receiving your Health Report to inform you of your return to work date.</i></p>
<p>COVID-19 Close Contact Exposure</p> <p>Staff are exempt from this scenario and do not need to report if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters • Was confirmed COVID-19 positive within the last 90 days and has fully recovered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact campus administrator/principal • Complete Employee Health Report • Follow periodic rapid testing schedule set by HR Director. Testing will be offered at work and free of cost (subject to availability). • Continue to work; masking is encouraged for 14 days' post-exposure. <p><i>Disclaimer: Denison ISD can't require an employee to test. Choosing to test is a personal decision. If employee declines rapid testing, they will be subject to a full quarantine exclusion period.</i></p>	<p>If option to rapid test is accepted – no exclusion required</p> <p>If rapid testing is declined – exclude for 10 days' post exposure.</p> <p><i>HR Director will contact you after receiving employee health report to either a) inform you of rapid testing schedule or b) inform you of your return to work date.</i></p>

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