



Scenario - Student or Staff Member is Positive or ill with COVID like symptoms

Reminder: Close Contact is defined as those students/staff that have been within 6 feet for at least 15 accumulative minutes. (6/15 rule)

In order to help determine the “6 feet 15 minute” scenario, an assigned seating chart for the bus and a seating chart for the classroom will assist.

SCHOOL ROLE: Per our notifiable disease rule, the Healthcare Provider, school nurse, or principal should immediately report COVID-19 positives or suspects to Public Health using the online ADPH Report Card. <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/healthcare.html>

STEP ONE:

Positive or suspected student/staff will be isolated from others in a pre-designated COVID-19 room and sent home.

If Positive

Student /staff must quarantine for 10 days, with 1 day of recovery without fever or fever reducing medications and improvement of respiratory symptoms.

If Symptomatic

Any sick student/staff is advised to see their healthcare provider to determine if student/staff has COVID-19 or other non-communicable disease. Please self-quarantine as soon as symptoms appear.

STEP TWO: Notification of Close Contacts

- If COVID-19 is confirmed, the school nurse/teacher/school representative will advise the class/close contacts to wear a mask for 10 days from exposure (3rd grade – 12th grade and all employees) and monitor their health closely. If the employee/student that came in close contact chooses to provide the school nurse with proof of full vaccination, they will not be required to wear a mask. The close contact will only be expected to quarantine if they become symptomatic.
- Notifications to classes/close contacts will be made by Remind, Email, written notice or telephone calls.
- Aggressively clean and disinfect per CDC guidance.

STEP THREE: Report to ADPH

- The school nurse shall report the positive or suspected case using the ADPH online COVID-19 Report Card. <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/healthcare.html>
- Information needed in the ADPH online COVID-19 Report Card includes the list of students in the classroom, Teacher/staff names, guardians for the students and telephone numbers. Seating charts for bus and classroom may be uploaded in the ADPH online COVID-19 Report Card.

STEP FOUR: School Communication with Parents/Guardians and School Staff

- The school will use their existing school process to notify parents/guardians that an exposure has occurred. Confidentiality and privacy must be maintained.

STEP FIVE: CLEANING and DISINFECTING AREAS