

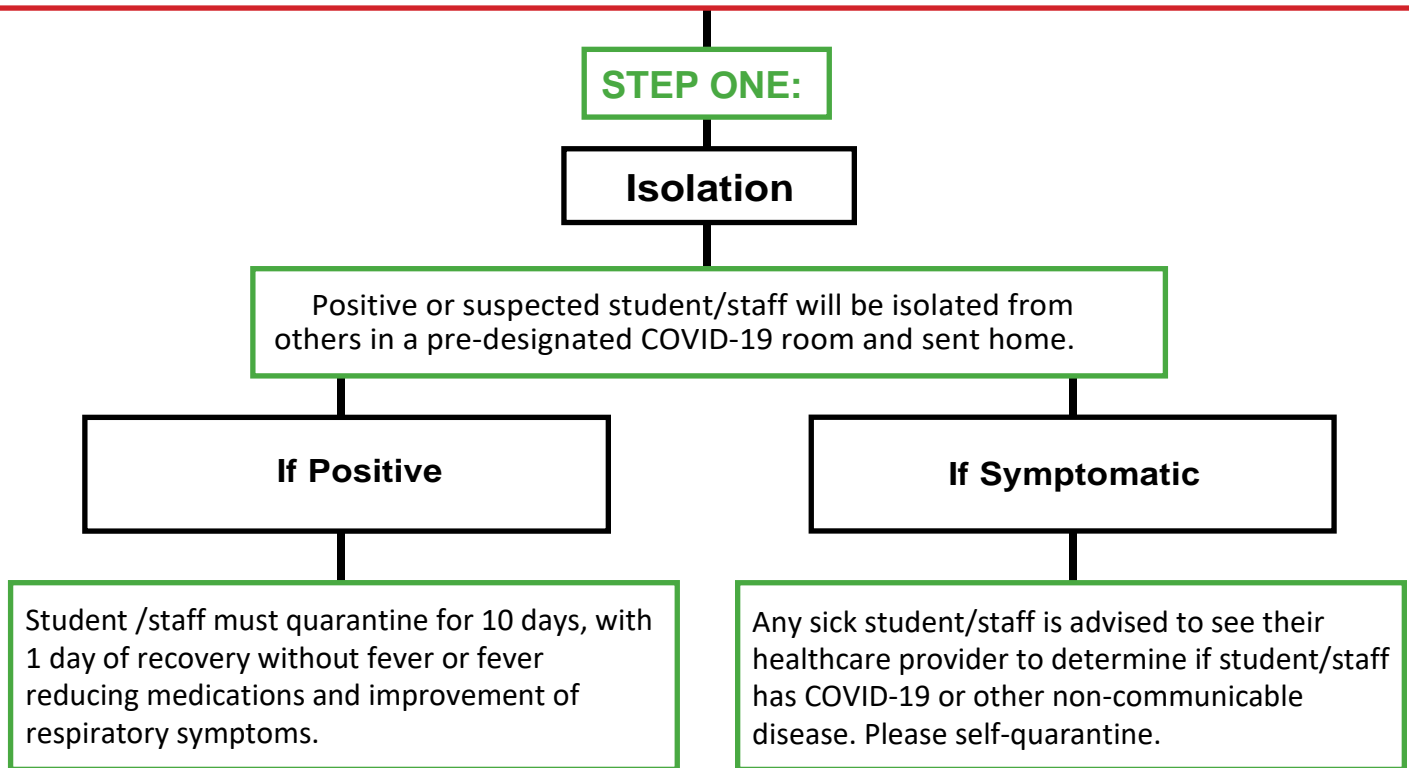


Scenario – Student or Staff Member is Positive or Ill with COVID-like Symptoms

Reminder: Close Contact is defined as those students/staff that have been within 6 feet for at least 15 cumulative 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 our online ADPH Report Card. <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/healthcare.html>



STEP TWO: Identify close contacts to symptomatic staff or student

- The School Nurse will do information gathering and help determine who are close contacts to the positive or symptomatic student or staff.
- The close contacts will be isolated and sent home until COVID-19 is confirmed or other diagnosis is confirmed. The school may require a healthcare provider’s release to return to school/work.
- If COVID-19 is confirmed, the school nurse will advise close contacts (6/15 rule, masked or un-masked) to self-quarantine for 14 days from exposure (see CDC calculator) and monitor their health closely. School nurse will communicate that a representative from the Alabama Department of Public Health will be contacting them.
- 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 on-line COVID-19 Report Card. <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/healthcare.html>
- Information needed in the ADPH on-line 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 on-line 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

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S ROLE

Public Health will investigate and conduct contact tracing. Recommendations will be provided per the Alabama Department of Public Health and CDC guidelines.

ADPH Case Investigation

Public Health staff work with a patient to help them recall anyone with whom they have had close contact during the time when they have been infectious.

ADPH Contact Tracing

Public Health staff begin contact tracing by notifying exposed individuals (contacts) of their potential exposure as sensitively as possible, not revealing the infected patient's identity.