



University School Illness Policy

The following information is based on current knowledge, science, and the guidance of public health and medical experts. As conditions evolve, so will our policy. Any change will be made only after careful review of updated information and with the approval of the School Administration.

We are very excited to see our students again, eager to learn. The dynamic energy of the boys jointly engaged in the acquisition of knowledge is irreplaceable. Our goal is to keep University School as safe as possible for our entire community every day.

To truly work, however, all participants in this venture MUST ADHERE to the POLICY below. We do not guarantee that school will be illness-free. But keeping students at home who do not feel well is critical to benefit the student and to protect the entire school environment. If your son is ill, but well enough, he can participate in classes on-line and not miss any instruction.

- Make a plan now, and a back-up plan, for if your child becomes ill and cannot attend school.
- Ask your child the screening questions EVERY MORNING before you leave the house. Heed his answers every day. *A temperature at 100.0 F or higher is considered a fever.*
- Have plenty of double-layer cloth masks for your child to wear. A clean mask must be worn each day. Masks are to be washed before re-use. Send a spare in his backpack; label with his name.
- Vaccinations: To protect your child and the greater community, immunizations must be up to date. Health care providers are ready and waiting to schedule appointments to keep your child fully immunized. Prevention of outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases is crucial during this SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.
- Plan to get the influenza vaccine for every family member.

SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic/COVID-19 University School Medical Policy

Prior to Entry to the School Building EACH DAY:

Students are required to have the completed Daily COVID-19 screening tool submitted *before* entering the school building. The school will be alerted of the students who must remain home based on the screening tool response, and of those students whose screenings have not been completed before the start of school each day. Any student who enters the building without completion of the screening will be brought to the nurse's office to be screened. The parent/guardian will be notified by the school of failure to complete the screening.

Upon Arrival at School:

All who are in line and entering the building MUST WEAR A MASK. A distance of 6 feet between students will be supervised by an adult. Temperature will be checked one person at a time. Elevated

temperatures will be rechecked. Anyone with a temperature of 100.0 or higher will be sent home immediately, only entering the building to be placed in a designated isolation area while a parent is contacted to pick up the student. Verbal screening of students with elevated temperatures will be completed.

Before advancing to the interior of the building, all who enter must properly apply hand sanitizer which is available at all entrances in use.

REMEMBER: FEVER-FREE means a temperature of less than 100.0 F *without the use of fever-reducing medication.*

Attendance/Reporting:

Please consider letting us know your son's symptoms when notifying us of his absence from school. This helps us track potential illness trends.

Please inform the school nurse if you have been contacted by the Health Department for possible COVID-19 contact tracing.

Contact Tracing:

The current plan, based upon Ohio Department of Health guidelines, is to maintain physical distancing of at least six feet, to wear masks at all times, and to use hand/mask hygiene protocol to prevent the spread of illness and to minimize the need for quarantine and isolation of faculty, students, employees, and, by association, even families.

- Teachers will maintain seating charts to identify possible contacts within a classroom, in the event of a diagnosis of COVID-19 within the school building.
- Teachers will track any incidents of breach of protocol by individuals of longer than 10 minutes duration, within six feet, with or without masks.

Masks protect by minimizing viral droplet transmission, and possibly aerosols. Masks do not offer complete protection.

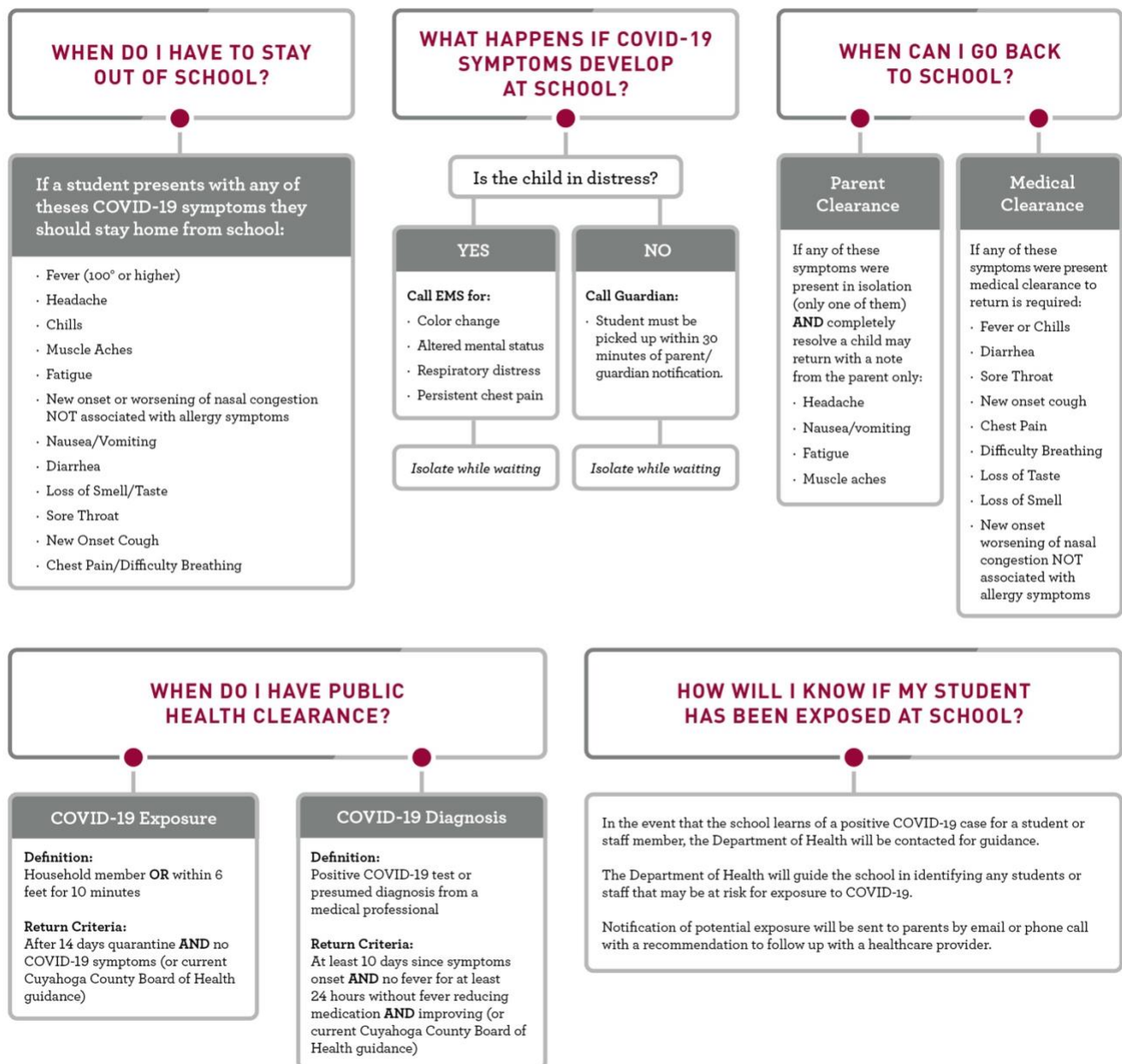
- If a student or employee is diagnosed with COVID-19, a letter will be sent home to the parents of the classroom or grade affected.
- Contact tracing is to be done by the Department of Health.
- As of this time, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health advises that: *If wearing masks and physical distancing are maintained properly, no additional person in that classroom will be required to be quarantined.*

It is of utmost importance to the success of the re-opening of University School that wearing masks and physical distancing, practicing proper hand hygiene, and staying home if not feeling well must be followed EVERY DAY and ALL the TIME.

The primary care provider may FAX clearance note to School Nurse at 216-321-4074 (Shaker campus) or 216-292-2144 (Hunting Valley campus).

REMEMBER: DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF HE IS SICK!

SCHOOL EXCLUSION CRITERIA



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