



CLEAR LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

COVID-19 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

2023-2024

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The school district will continue its [COVID-19 Return to In-Person Instruction Plan for 2023-2024](#) with the same procedures that were used for the 2022-2023 school year. Below are some frequently asked questions to assist families.

1. Will students be excluded from school during the 2023-2024 school year?

- Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be excluded for five days.
- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 may return to school after their 5-day quarantine period is complete, provided they are fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of medicine and their symptoms are resolving.
- Household members of the positive individual will be excluded from school if they exhibit symptoms associated with COVID-19 during the exclusion period of the positive individual.
- Household members who exhibit symptoms and have been excluded due to those symptoms may return to school once they are no longer exhibiting symptoms associated with COVID-19 for a 24-hour period (or if they have provided the District with a negative test result after the 5th day of exposure).

2. How will the District determine whether or not a student will be excluded from school?

The District will exclude those students who self-report that they have tested positive for COVID-19. The District will also act on information pertaining to a positive individual provided by a county health agency or a health provider.

3. When should parents/guardians keep their children home from school?

Students who are ill should not attend school. The District will continue using the following long-standing practices regarding all health-related issues:

Please keep your child home and contact their building's main office for attendance if your child is experiencing any of the following:

- A child should be fever free for 24 hours (without the aid of medicine) before returning to school.
- A child should be free from vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.
- A child diagnosed with strep throat should remain home for the first 24-48 hours of antibiotics.
- Students with chronic or severe cough should remain at home until symptoms improve.
- A child diagnosed with conjunctivitis (pink eye) should remain at home for the first 24-48 hours of antibiotics or until the redness is gone and there is no more drainage.
- A child with any of these conditions will be sent home from school.

4. Who should parents/guardians communicate with regarding their child's health concerns?

- In order to prevent further spread of illness to others, families are expected to inform the principal's office if their student has a confirmed positive case of COVID-19.
- Please contact your child's school building office with any health-related questions regarding your child.

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5. Will the District be contact tracing due to COVID-19 related exposure?

The District will not be conducting contact tracing during the 2023-2024 school year. Contact tracing may be independently administered by a County Health Department, which may recommend an individual to mask and/or isolate after exposure to COVID-19.

6. Will students be required to wear a face-covering (mask)?

Face-Coverings (masks) will be a personal choice and will be optional for students, staff, and visitors.

7. What mitigating strategies will remain in place for the 2023-2024 school year?

The District will continue encouraging handwashing, disinfection, and assigned seating in school and on buses.

8. How will the district communicate with me regarding COVID-19 or other illnesses?

Any updates to the [Return To In Person Instruction Plan](#) will be posted to the District website. Any necessary direct communication to families will be made via School Messenger email or via personal phone call or email.

9. What are the guidelines for spectators at events and who is allowed to attend?

The Clear Lake School District will be allowing spectators with no restrictions. The District will be required to follow any guidelines developed by the conference of the sport or activity they are viewing and/or the guidelines developed by the host school. The host school will be responsible for implementing their guidelines.

For all other questions and information related to the School District's response to the pandemic, please contact the District Office at 715-263-2114.