

United Friends School Illness Policy



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United Friends School's Illness Policy is a fluid document and subject to change based on updated guidelines and/or recommendations from the CDC, Pennsylvania's Department of Education & Department of Health, as well as Montgomery County's Department of Health. The policy has been approved by UFS's Board of Trustees.

As a community, it is our collective responsibility to strictly adhere to the policies and procedures outlined in this document, which is an addendum to our Health & Safety plan. The health and safety of all of our faculty, staff, and students informs our decision-making.

We are unable to make any exceptions to this policy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 Symptoms

Group A 1 or more symptoms	Group B 2 or more symptoms
Cough Shortness of breath Difficulty breathing New olfactory disorder New taste disorder	Fever of 100.0+ Chills Rigors Myalgia Headache Sore throat Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea Fatigue Congestion or runny nose

Stay home if you or the student:

- Have one or more symptoms in Group A
- Have two or more symptoms in Group B
- Are taking fever reducing medication



COVID-19 Symptomatic Student/Staff Process Flow

Student or staff present with symptoms*

Symptoms* are consistent with COVID-19

Symptoms are not consistent with COVID-19

Isolate from non-symptomatic students/staff

Assess using normal school policies

Send home with referral to healthcare provider

Return to school

Evaluation by healthcare provider

Positive COVID-19 test
Exclude from in-person learning until 3 days with no fever AND improvement in symptoms AND 10 days since symptoms first appeared. Close contacts (pods) will move to remote learning for at least 5 school days.

Negative COVID-19 test
Exclude from in-person learning until afebrile for at least 3 days AND improved respiratory symptoms

Unable/Refuse COVID-19 testing
Exclude from in-person learning until 3 days with no fever AND improvement in symptoms AND 10 days since symptoms first appeared. Close contacts (pods) will move to remote learning for at least 5 school days.

*Refer to page 2 for a list of COVID-19 symptoms

Exclusion From and Return to School Policy

If COVID-19 Symptoms are present...

Two of the following symptoms: fever (100 or higher), chills, fatigue, myalgia, headache, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, congestion or runny nose

nose

-OR-

One of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder

...individual should be tested for COVID-19

If test result is negative, return to school 3 days after symptoms are no longer present.

If test result is positive or individual is unable/refuses to get tested, may return to school after:

- 3 days with no fever AND
- Improvement in symptoms AND
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared

Positive COVID-19 Test

WITH SYMPTOMS

May return to school after:

- 3 days with no fever AND
- Improvement in symptoms AND
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared

WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

May return to school after:

- 10 days after test was collected*

**If symptoms develop during the 10 days, follow return to school guidance for positive test with symptoms.*

Close Contact to Positive Case

- Within 6ft for 15 minutes or more
- Household contact

WITH SYMPTOMS

Individual should be tested for COVID-19

- If test result is negative, return to school at least 10 school days after last exposure to the person with COVID-19 AND symptoms have resolved
- If test result is positive, follow return to school guidance for positive test with symptoms

WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

Excluded from in-person learning for at least 5 school days after last date of exposure to the person with COVID-19

- Household contacts are in quarantine until 14 days after household positive is released from isolation

Travel to States with High COVID-19 Rates

WITH SYMPTOMS

If symptoms develop during the recommended 14-day quarantine upon return to PA, follow return to school guidance for COVID-19 symptoms

WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

Self-quarantine for 14 days upon return to PA

[Click here for to access the PA & Dept of State travel advisory list](#)

In the event of a positive case of COVID-19 in the UFS community

Level of Transmission in surrounding counties including Bucks, Montgomery, Lehigh, Northampton	Number of COVID-19 cases within a 14-day period	
	1-3 students or staff	4+ students or staff
<p>Low</p> <p>-OR-</p> <p>Moderate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Positive case may return to school after 3 days with no fever AND Improvement in symptoms AND 10 days since symptoms first appeared. •Pod will move to remote learning for <u>at least</u> 5 school days. •Thoroughly clean & disinfect area(s) where case spent time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Entire school population moves to remote learning for <u>at least</u> 10 school days. •Thoroughly clean & disinfect entire school.
<p>Substantial</p>	<p>DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model for all schools in counties with substantial level of community transmission</p>	