Return to School

Once a student or employee is isolated from the school environment, they may return if they satisfy the recommendations of the Jackson County Health Department.

If a student or staff member has been **exposed** to a positive COVID-19 case:

- The individual stays home from school/school activities/work
- If the individual does not develop symptoms, they stay home for 14 days from the last exposure to the COVID-19 case
- If the individual develops symptoms and does not get tested, they stay home until they are fever free (<100.4 without fever-reducing other respiratory symptoms improve
- CDC guidance to determine direct exposure.

Have they been

If a student or staff member reports at least one high risk-symptom or two moderate-risk symptoms indicating COVID-19, that individual will stay home from school or work and follow the protocols in the chart below.

Moderate-risk symptoms (2):

fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose

High-risk symptoms (1): cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell tested? The individual will stay No home until: • Fever-free for 24 hours (<100.4 without fever-reducing medications); and **Positive** Yes The individual will stay Other respiratory symptoms home from school/ work while waiting for • The individual will need a test results. medical release from their medical provider or the health **Exposed** Negative Has the individual been The individual will stay directly exposed to a home until: confirmed or probable case? **Not Exposed** • Fever-free for 24 hours (less than 100.4 without the use of fever-reducing medications); and/or other school individual *Health Department guidance as of September 17, 2020



At-Home Screening Procedure

The screening of students and staff must begin at home. Parents should evaluate their child before school daily by taking their temperature, gauging how they are feeling, and by making sure that they can accurately answer no to all questions below.

- 1. Is your current temperature in excess of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit?
- 2. Have you had one high-risk symptom or two moderate-risk symptoms indicating COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

High-risk symptoms (1):

cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste and smell

Moderate-risk symptoms (2):

fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose

3. Have you had a direct exposure to a positive COVID case in the last 14 days?

If a question can be answered yes, then the child should not be sent to school.

Families should then seek the guidance of a medical professional or Health Department for further direction.

No universal screening will occur at school. However, teachers will have access to thermometers and check students if they are presenting as ill prior to sending to the health room. If a student's temperature check reads equal to or in excess of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, the student will be accompanied by a nurse to a precaution room to await parent pick-up. School nurses will discuss return-to-school criteria with parents.

All staff will be required to perform similar at-home screenings prior to reporting to work.