

Return to school support



Planning for COVID-19 illness & exposure

Schools have detailed plans and procedures in place for how to handle when a student or teacher becomes sick.

When someone becomes sick:

- School staff, students, and their families should not come to school and should notify school officials if they become sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a confirmed case.
- The school will immediately separate staff and children with COVID-19 symptoms (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath) at school. Individuals who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility depending on how severe his or her symptoms are.
- The school will have an identified isolation room or area to separate anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive but does not have symptoms. School nurses and other healthcare providers will use standard and transmission-based precautions when caring for sick people.
- The school will follow procedures for safely transporting anyone who is sick to their home or to a healthcare facility. If you are bringing someone to the hospital, try to call first to alert them that the person may have COVID-19.

Visit chnola.org/school-wellness for additional COVID-19 resources for parents and kids.

Cleaning and disinfecting

- The school will close off areas used by a sick person and these areas will not be used until after cleaning and disinfecting.
- The school will wait as long as possible, ideally at least 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If 24 hours is not feasible,
- The school will also ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products including storing products securely away from children.

Notifying health officials and close contacts

- School administrators will notify local health officials, staff, and families immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- The school will inform those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and self-monitor for symptoms and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

Please reference your school's COVID-19 policies and procedures for additional details on your school's plans.



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