

SHICKLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS COVID PROTOCOLS

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Cases of COVID have been reported in school and community. Masks are not mandated at school or school events, but are welcomed and recommended especially if your child or family members are immunocompromised or have underlying health conditions. We are following protocol from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). [CDC Protocol](#) - In addition, we will be following these protocols:

- **Student or Staff Who Tested Positive:** CDC recommends individuals who test positive for COVID-19 to isolate. If a student or staff member tests positive, the school district recommends following the CDC's isolation guidance. Students or staff members must also be fever-free for 24 hours without medication and symptoms have improved before ending isolation and returning to school.
- **Student or Staff Who Had an Exposure to COVID-19:** Students/families and staff are asked to self-monitor per DHHS guidance. Those exposed will not be required to wear a mask while at school, if showing zero symptoms and feeling healthy. If there is consensus where a high exposure was likely, a discussion may occur on whether a mask would need to be worn to better protect others around the exposed individual. The district will not be asking healthy/symptom-free students or staff members to isolate if identified as being exposed. If symptoms develop, student(s) or staff member(s) will be sent home.
- **Student or Staff Who Are ill:** Students or staff members who are ill and/or have a fever (100.4 or greater) will be sent home. Students and staff can return to school when they have been fever-free without medication for 24 hours and symptoms have improved.
- **Communication:** Nebraska is no longer in a State of Emergency or under a Direct Health Measure concerning COVID-19. A student or staff member's medical information is protected by confidentiality laws, and the administration will balance these confidentiality rights with the district's authority to disclose limited information based on the facts of each circumstance. We will NOT be routinely notifying students, staff, or parents about possible exposures. Should a larger outbreak occur specific to a class or group of students or staff, we will alert people most likely to be associated with those groups.

As cases are reported to the school, we will use this guidance to help children and families maneuver through the illness. It is important to closely monitor symptoms, and if your child or other family members develops one or more of the symptoms listed above, especially in combination, please immediately contact your healthcare provider for further guidance and stay home. Our local health department, Public Health Solutions, is also a resource if you have questions. Please visit their website at phsneb.org or call 402-826-3880.