

CLOSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

The following symptom screening criteria for students and staff is based on the most current research. Because people with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms – from mild symptoms to severe illness – these criteria have been developed to assist the Closter School District medical staff in identifying presumptive positive COVID-19 cases.

Students with two or more of the following:
fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

OR

At least one of the following:
new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing,
new loss of taste/smell

OR

Has at least one symptom and answers yes to:
Is there someone in your household who is currently in quarantine or currently positive for COVID-19?

1. Students and staff who screen positive should be isolated in the nurse's office at once and sent home immediately.
2. Require the symptomatic person to wear a cloth or surgical mask while waiting.

RE-ADMITTANCE TO SCHOOL

Symptomatic staff/student who test positive:

Exclude for:

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared
- AND:**
- At least 24 hours fever free without medication
- AND:**
- Symptoms have improved

Asymptomatic staff/student who test positive:

Exclude for:

- 10 days from date of test **AND:**
- If symptoms develop, refer to symptomatic positive instructions.

Symptomatic staff/student not tested:

Exclude for:

- At least 10* days since symptoms first appeared **AND:**
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **AND:**
- Symptoms have improved

May return to school if a doctor establishes an alternative diagnosis and presents a doctor's note.

*This length of time may need to be extended for people who have severe illness or are immunocompromised. Please consult Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission or the health care provider for further guidance on those situations.

Symptomatic staff/student who test negative:

Exclude until:

- 24 hours without fever (or meets the District's requirements for readmission) **AND:** improved symptoms

There is no reason for a student or staff member to get a "negative test" in order to be cleared to

return to school. A COVID-19 positive individual does not need a repeat COVID-19 test in order to return. He/she must have certification of a physician that the he/she is contagion-free for readmittance to school.

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, please call the Closter Health Office and the Closter Department of Health at 201-784-0752.