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## **HEALTH EXCLUSION POLICY**

If a staff member develops symptoms of COVID-19 while at work, or fails a daily health check, they will be asked to go home immediately. The classroom will be disinfected immediately. If they contract COVID-19 or meet someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they will remain isolated at home for a minimum of 14 days after symptom onset or contact with COVID-19. Employees can be released after feeling well and feverless (without fever-reducing medication) for a least 72 hours OR have two negative COVID-19 tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart.

If children develop symptoms of COVID-19 while at school, they will be isolated outdoors and monitored by a staff person until they are able to be picked up immediately by a parent or guardian. In inclement weather conditions, children will be isolated in the front entryway with the door propped open. The area will be disinfected and not used for a minimum of 24 hours.

CDC and IDPH guidelines for students who were suspected of having COVID-19, whether they were

tested or not, state that 72 hours must elapse from resolution of fever without fever-reducing medication and 10 days must pass after symptoms first appeared.

Any child suspected of having COVID-19, diagnosed with COVID-19, or having been in contact with persons suspected of or diagnosed with COVID-19 shall be excluded from school, and asked to quarantine themselves for a minimum of 14 days or until written documentation is provided by the child's physician that the child is no longer communicable and may return to school. Tuition adjustments will not be made for missed days of school.

In accordance with state and federal guidance, school community members who are sick should not return to school until they have met criteria to return.

Students or staff returning from illness related to COVID-19 should call to check in with the following quarantine.

### **NOTIFICATION REGARDING POSITIVE CASE OF COVID-19**

Families must immediately notify the school if someone in the house tests positive or if the child has been in close contact with a positive case.

If an employee or child is identified as COVID-19 positive, that particular classroom will convert to eLearning during a self-quarantine period of 14 days. See the procedure for Mandated School Closings below, should the need to close a class or the school occur.

Should there be multiple cases across classrooms, that campus will be closed for 2-5 days and cleaning and disinfecting will be performed in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

Written communication will be emailed to parents, guardians and staff, as well as posted on the entrance to school in the event a staff or child in attendance at the school tests positive for COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Illinois Department of Health and the Department of Children and Family services will also be informed by telephone and an email will be sent to the local licensing representatives.