

GHAZ Covid-19 Response Guidelines

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Positive COVID-19 Test, COVID-19 Diagnosis

Isolation Guidelines:

Return to school contingent upon completion of **all 3:**

1. **24 hrs** fever-free w/o fever reducing meds
2. **Improvement in respiratory symptoms**
3. **5 days** have passed since first symptoms started or 5 days from positive test if subject is asymptomatic

PCR and Antigen tests are accepted. Antigen Home Tests are accepted as well. Antibody tests are still not accepted. (updated 7.6.22)

Actions:

1. Person who receives the notice will report the case to the school nurse.
2. The school nurse will keep a spreadsheet of all cases to include date symptoms began, date tested, return date back to school, section.
3. Close off and disinfect all non-porous surfaces asap
4. Communicate in a manner consistent with other infectious disease notifications (when two or more cases are identified in a single section within a two-week time period) and legal confidentiality requirements to:
 - a. All Faculty members if subject is a faculty member
 - b. Families in the same section as the student/teacher
 - c. All teachers of the student if the subject is a student
5. If Teacher/staff – determine coverage. Asymptomatic teachers may return to school, but should wear a mask for five days.
6. School Closure, section or grade level quarantines will be determined by the Great Hearts lead office Covid Response Team.

Student, Teacher, or Staff Member Exhibits Covid-19 Symptoms

(Not part of a pre-existing condition such as asthma or known allergies)

Symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain or body aches

Actions:

1. School nurse will determine if symptoms are part of a pre-existing condition such as asthma or allergies. If not, continue to step 2.
2. Symptomatic individual is immediately sent home

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- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose
- Loss of taste or smell

Isolation Guidelines- If Tested

1. If Positive:

Return to school contingent upon completion of **all 3**:

- **24 hrs** fever-free w/o fever reducing meds
- Improvement in respiratory symptoms
- **5 days** have passed since first symptoms started **or 5 days** from positive test if subject is asymptomatic

2. If Negative:

- Stay home and away from others until **a full 24 hours** have passed since the **fever (including chills, shakes, and body/muscle aches) has gone away** without the use of fever-reducing medications **AND the respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, sore throat, congestion or running nose, and loss of taste/smell) have fully resolved or five days have passed and respiratory symptoms have improved.**

Isolation Guidelines- If Not Tested

We understand that not everyone will have the resources to get tested every time they exhibit a symptom. We also understand that other illnesses will be passed around that have some of the same symptoms as COVID-19 such as the common cold.

- 3. If not tested, but seen by a doctor, and doctor suspects COVID-19, or if symptoms are unique to COVID-19 such as loss of**

- 3. Disinfect areas that the student/teacher has been in contact with**
- 4. If teacher, determine coverage**
- 5. Testing is not required.**

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<p>taste or smell <u>see guidelines for Positive COVID-19.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">If not tested, and if symptoms can be attributed to some other illness as determined by the school nurse, or some other health professional, return a full 24-hours after fever has resolved without fever reducing medication and all symptoms have fully resolved, or five days if respiratory symptoms are improving.Return with doctor's note if symptoms are still present and doctor does not suspect COVID-19.	
<p style="text-align: center;">Close Contact with Someone Who Tested Positive for Covid-19</p>	
<p><u>Isolation Guidelines:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Close contacts do not need to quarantine unless they develop symptoms. If mild to moderate symptoms develop, close contact should return a full 24-hours after fever has resolved without fever reducing medication and all symptoms have fully resolved, or five days if respiratory symptoms are improving.Return with doctor's note if symptoms are still present and doctor does not suspect COVID-19.If close contact tests positive please see guidelines above for Positive Test.No need to notify the school unless symptoms develop.	<p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">If subject has symptoms, see isolation guidelines. School is only responsible for tracking those students who test positive.
<p style="text-align: center;">International Travel</p> <p>Due to new federal regulations requiring all international travelers to have a negative Covid-19 test before returning to the United States, we are no longer requiring people to quarantine upon return from international travel.</p>	
<p><u>Isolation Guidelines:</u> None</p>	<p><u>Actions:</u> None</p>

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3 or More Positive Cases Reported on a Campus in a 14 day Period (Epidemiologically linked but not of the same household, not identified as close contacts from off campus, but possible contact on campus)	
<u>Isolation Guidelines:</u> Individuals will be isolated according to the Guidelines above. School or grade level closures will be determined by the lead office Covid Response Team.	<u>Actions:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nurse will report to MCDHS2. Communication will be sent to faculty members and families whose students are in the same section as the cases.3. GH Covid Reponse Team will work with the Maricopa Health Department to monitor and determine if additional measures, such as quarantining a grade level or closing the school, are needed. The Superintendent of the region will make the call.