

## **Current Sick Student Protocols in CPS 2022-2023**

The health and safety of our students and families continues to be a top priority at CPS and at Beard. Here are the current Covid Protocols in place throughout Chicago Public Schools.

**If your child is sick - please stay home:** Even if it's not Covid, sick students can still spread germs and affect other classmates. Symptoms such as sore throat, nausea, fever, and excessive coughing are all reasons to remain home. *If your doctor clears your child to return with lingering symptoms, please send that note to school so our school nurse is aware. Make a copy for your records.*

Your child must be free of diarrhea, vomiting, and fever (without the use of fever-reducing medication) for a full 24-hours prior to returning to school.

Call the Attendance line to excuse the absence or to get more information: 773-534-1228 ext 3.

### **Care Room for students with Covid-like symptoms in school:**

Students exhibiting symptoms may be sent to the Care Room for dismissal. To return, they will need one of the following:

1. Negative Covid test (rapid or PCR; send a picture to the teacher)
2. Alternative diagnosis from a medical professional
3. Five day quarantine, during which time absences will be excused

The following symptoms are considered [COVID-like](#) and require exclusion if not attributed to a documented underlying condition:

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- New onset of moderate to severe headache
- Shortness of breath
- New cough
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of sense of taste or smell
- Fatigue from unknown cause
- Muscle or body aches from unknown cause
- Congestion or runny nose

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### **If your child tests positive for Covid:**

- Self report at [cps.edu/covidresults](https://cps.edu/covidresults) [CPS COVID-19 Self-Reporting Form](#)
- Contact the school at 773-534-1228 X3 (press 0 if you get the voicemail).
- If you need your student ID #, contact your teacher, Jen Knox, or check Parent Portal.

**If your child has been exposed to a Covid positive individual :**

- Students can continue to attend school as long as they are symptom-free, regardless of vaccination status.
- CPS recommends testing on Monday and Thursday post exposure. Covid tests will be distributed if your child is exposed at school, and they are available to students at other times upon request.
- CPS requires masking indoors for 10 days after exposure regardless of vaccination status or negative test results. If your child is unable to wear a mask, your doctor can complete a mask accommodation form (email [jknox10@cps.edu](mailto:jknox10@cps.edu) for a copy). If you aren't comfortable with your child wearing a mask in school, their absence will be excused for that time.

**Vaccine Availability:** CPS holds Covid vaccine events regularly - check this website for updates:

[https://linktr.ee/CPS\\_vaccinations](https://linktr.ee/CPS_vaccinations)

Unsure about getting your child vaccinated? Message your doctor to talk about your concerns.

**Weekly on-site Covid testing** is available every Thursday afternoon for staff and students. It is self-administered and supervised by one of their classroom staff members, and if your child does not want to do the test, it's OK. You'll need your student's ID# to sign up which can be found on Parent Portal, or email Jen Knox for assistance.

<https://www.color.com/readycheckgo-cps>

If you have any questions about Covid precautions and protocol, please contact Jen Knox at [jknox10@cps.edu](mailto:jknox10@cps.edu).