

Covid Health Screening and Testing Guidance

As the 2021-2022 school year continues, it remains important that we are diligent in our health and safety practices both in school and at home. Parents and guardians are reminded to review the following chart closely when monitoring your child for symptoms.

Group A (1 or more symptoms)	Group B (2 or more symptoms)
Cough Shortness of Breath Difficulty Breathing Loss or altered sense of smell Loss or altered sense of taste	Fever Chills Rigors Sudden chills accompanied by an elevated temperature Myalgia Muscle pain Headache Sore Throat Nausea or Vomiting Diarrhea Fatigue Congestion or Runny Nose

If your child is experiencing one symptom from the column on the left or two symptoms from the column on the right (that are not due to a pre-existing condition), we are requiring that one of the following occur:

1. Provide the school nurse a doctor's note that states an alternate diagnosis for the COVID-like symptoms.
2. Providing the school nurse with a negative COVID test result. Note that PCR tests are preferred, and we ask that any time multiple tests are administered (rapid and/or PCR) that parents wait for all results before returning the child to school.
 - HOME COVID TESTING: The PA Dept. of Health also permits the District to accept results from any FDA approved home testing, provided the manufacturer's recommendations have been followed.

Keep in mind that the child experiencing these Covid-like symptoms must be held out of school until one of these requirements are satisfied. Siblings may still attend school as long as no symptoms are present.

Please contact your school nurse with any additional questions.