

2022-23 COVID-19 Protocol

Faith Academy students, faculty and staff can be sent home if the following symptoms that the CDC has recognized to be consistent with COVID-19 are present:

- Fever, chills or sweats
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Covid testing:

Please communicate with Kelly Skelton, RN schoolnurse@faithacademy.us your COVID-19 test results if your child tests (+)positive. Positive results from the doctor and at home tests can be submitted by email. At home tests can be submitted by taking a photo of the positive individual with the test result. *This will serve as your school excuse.*

- If COVID-19 test is POSITIVE(+) stay home until afebrile for 24 hours AND respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) AND 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. Students can return to school but must wear a mask for 5 days. **Negative test not required to return to school.**
- If COVID-19 test is POSITIVE(+) and the individual is asymptomatic, stay home until 5 days have passed since the positive test. Students will need to wear a mask for 5 days. **Negative test not required to return to school.** Siblings and household members need to stay away from the positive individual and wear a mask when in public for 5 days (if possible 10) and watch for symptoms. If symptoms develop, isolate immediately and consider yourself positive unless a test proves otherwise and symptoms resolve.
- If COVID-19 test is NEGATIVE(-) and the individual is not exposed to someone that tested positive recently the individual may return to school.

CLOSE CONTACT TO COVID-19 POSITIVE INDIVIDUAL

The CDC definition of a close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period within the 2 days before the case

became symptomatic or tested positive for COVID-19 or during the 10 days following symptom onset or testing positive.

Close contacts to COVID 19+ individuals should wear a mask and watch for symptoms for 5 days(10 if possible). If symptoms occur, they should consider themselves positive and isolate immediately for 5 days.

- Testing is recommended if symptoms develop.
- If symptoms present after exposure, the individual should isolate for 5 days from the start of symptoms. They can return to work/school wearing a mask for 5 days if they have been fever free for 24 hours and symptoms are better.
- If an asymptomatic individual wants to be tested, it is recommended to wait 5-7 days after exposure.
- An individual who presents with COVID symptoms without a test and has history of exposure, will need to stay home until afebrile for 24 hours AND respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath). They will need to wear a mask for 5 days upon return.

*Faith Academy reserves the right to evaluate any/all cases on an individual basis and make adjustments to protocol as needed.