

Screening and Procedures for Individuals Exhibiting Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever greater than or equal to 100.4° F, new onset and/or worsening cough, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell OR at least 2 of the following: sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, chills, muscle pain, excessive fatigue, new onset of headache, new onset of nasal congestion or runny nose.

Staff, students and visitors will be required to complete a self-assessment at home immediately before leaving for work, school or visiting any school building. If they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 they will be required to remain home and should contact their healthcare professional. Staff need to contact their supervisor and students need to contact the office of their school. Staff and students may return to work when they meet the conditions outlined in the section *Returning to the Facility after Illness*.

Self-Assessment:

Attached is the Employee, Student, and Visitor Health Screening Checklists that will need to be completed before anyone can enter any Goodhue County Education District building.

Illness Assessment and Response:

Any individual showing any signs or symptoms of illness while on site will be asked to go home immediately and contact their healthcare professional.

Take your temperature every day and answer the following questions each morning before arriving at school:

1. Have I recently tested positive for COVID-19?
2. Do I have a fever greater than or equal to 100.4° F, new onset and/or worsening cough, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell have any two of the of the other COVID-19 symptoms listed above?
3. Have I been in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with someone who recently tested positive for COVID-19?

If you answered yes to **any** of the above questions, do not come to school. **Staff and students need to report symptoms or exposure to Sheri Johnson, the GCED School Nurse at sjohnson@gced.k12.mn.us or by calling 651-388-4441 x1102.**

Contact your health care provider to determine what your next steps should be.

Students:

If a student appears to be not feeling well by a teacher or staff member, they will be sent to the school's nurse's office immediately. The following steps will be taken:

1. The nurse will evaluate the student to determine if their symptoms are consistent with COVID-19.
2. If the student has **one "less common" symptom** of COVID-19, then the nurse will evaluate the symptom and determine if the student is well enough to stay in school. Siblings and all others who live in the house **DO NOT** need to go home or stay home.
3. If the student has **one "more common" symptom OR at least two "less common" symptoms OR any symptom (more or less common)** during days 8-14 of a shortened quarantine, then the student will stay home or be sent home. Siblings and all others, who are not fully vaccinated or have not had lab confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days, and who live in the house should stay home or will be sent home.
4. The nurse will contact the parent or guardian to inform them that the student and possible siblings need to be picked up as soon as possible. **Recommended time frame would be 20-30 minutes.**
5. The nurse will generate a form to give to the parent/guardian informing them of the next steps to take and the dates the students and siblings could possibly return to school.
6. The nurse, or available staff will walk the student and siblings out to parent or guardian for pick up. At no time, will students be left unattended.
7. The nurse will share their spreadsheet tracking students with possible COVID-19 symptoms with the Executive Director.
8. If a COVID-19 test comes back positive, the District COVID-19 Coordinator will be contacted. The District COVID-19 Coordinator will work with the building administrators, Goodhue County Public Health and MDH to help to identify close contacts.
9. The District COVID-19 Coordinator will communicate with any identified close contacts to inform them of quarantine status.
10. The District COVID-19 Coordinator will communicate information to building administrators about quarantine status.

Staff:

If a staff member comes down with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 while in the building, the following steps will be taken:

1. The staff member will notify their supervisor immediately. The supervisor will provide them with the form on what steps to take next.
2. If the staff member has **one “less common” symptom** of COVID-19, then the nurse will evaluate the symptom and determine if the staff member is well enough to stay in school. Others who live in the house **DO NOT** need to go home or stay home.
3. If the staff member has **one “more common” symptom OR at least two “less common” symptoms OR any symptom (more or less common)** during day 8-14 of a shortened quarantine, then the staff member will stay home or be sent home. All others, who are not fully vaccinated or have not had lab confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days, and who live in the house should stay home or will be sent home.
4. The supervisor will share their spreadsheet tracking staff with possible COVID-19 symptoms with the District COVID-19 Coordinator.
5. If a COVID-19 test comes back positive, the District COVID-19 Coordinator will be contacted. The District COVID-19 Coordinator will work with the building administrator, Goodhue County Public Health and MDH to help to identify close contacts.
6. The District COVID-19 Coordinator will communicate with any identified close contacts to inform them of quarantine status.
7. The District COVID-19 Coordinator will communicate information to the staff's supervisor about quarantine status.

Returning to the Facility after Illness - The GCED reserves the right to use shortened quarantining.

Student:

Any student sent home from school due to possible COVID-19 symptoms may return to school under the following conditions:

Students sent home with **one “less common”** symptom can return if they meet either both of the first conditions or the third condition below:

1. They have had no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication example: Ibuprofen, Tylenol
 2. Any symptoms have greatly improved and no new symptoms have occurred.
- Or**
3. The student can provide a doctor’s note stating their symptoms are related to another diagnosis or connected to a pre-existing condition.

Students sent home with **one “more common”** symptom or **two “less common”** symptom or **any symptom (more or less common)** during day 8-14 of a shortened quarantine can return if they meet either the first condition or the second, third and fourth conditions below:

1. Student has received a negative COVID-19 test or a doctor’s note stating their symptoms are related to another diagnosis or connected to a pre-existing condition.
- Or**
2. On day 14 if they do not test for COVID-19.
- And**
3. They have had no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication example: Ibuprofen, Tylenol
- And**
4. Any symptoms have greatly improved and no new symptoms have occurred.

Again, if the student does not get an evaluation from a doctor/health care provider or get a COVID-19 test, they should stay home for 14 days starting from the time their symptoms started and until their symptoms have greatly improved and they have no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

Staff

Any staff member that left school with **one “less common”** symptom can return if they meet either both of the first conditions or the third condition below:

1. They have had no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication example: Ibuprofen, Tylenol
2. Any symptoms have greatly improved and no new symptoms have occurred.

Or

3. The staff member can provide a doctor’s note stating their symptoms are related to another diagnosis or connected to a pre-existing condition.

Any staff member that left school with **one “more common”** symptom or **two “less common”** symptom or **any symptom (more or less common)** during day 8-14 of a shortened quarantine can return if they meet either the first condition or the second, third and fourth conditions below:

1. Staff has received a negative COVID-19 test or a doctor’s note stating their symptoms are related to another diagnosis or connected to a pre-existing condition.

Or

2. On day 14 if they do not test for COVID-19.

And

3. They have had no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication example: Ibuprofen, Tylenol

And

4. Any symptoms have greatly improved and no new symptoms have occurred.

If the staff member does not get an evaluation from a doctor/health care provider or get a COVID-19 test, they should stay home for 14 days starting from the time their symptoms started and until their symptoms have greatly improved and they have no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

Employee Health Screening Checklist:

Take your temperature every day.

And

Answer the following questions:

1. Have I recently tested positive for COVID-19?
2. Do I have a fever greater than or equal to 100.4° F, new onset and/or worsening cough, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell have any two of the of the other COVID-19 symptoms listed above?
3. Have I been in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with someone who recently tested positive for COVID-19?

If you answered yes to **any** of the above questions, do not come to work. Call your supervisor and inform them that you are sick with possible COVID-19 symptoms.

Contact your health care provider to determine what your next steps should be.

Staff need to report symptoms or exposure to Sheri Johnson, the GCED School Nurse at sjohnson@gced.k12.mn.us or by calling 651-388-4441 x1102.

Student Health Screening Checklist:

Take your temperature every day

And

Answer the following questions:

1. Have I recently tested positive for COVID-19?
2. Do I have a fever greater than or equal to 100.4° F, new onset and/or worsening cough, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell have any two of the of the other COVID-19 symptoms listed above?
3. Have I been in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with someone who recently tested positive for COVID-19?

If you answered yes to **any** of the above questions, do not come to school. Call your school office and inform them that you are sick with possible COVID-19 symptoms. Parents/guardians should also keep any siblings/household members home as well and contact their respective schools.

Contact your health care provider to determine what your next steps should be.

Parents need to report symptoms or exposure to Sheri Johnson, the GCED School Nurse at sjohnson@gced.k12.mn.us or by calling 651-388-4441 x1102.

Parent & Visitor Health Screening Checklist:

Take your temperature every day

And

Answer the following questions:

1. Have I recently tested positive for COVID-19?
2. Do I have a fever greater than or equal to 100.4° F, new onset and/or worsening cough, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell have any two of the of the other COVID-19 symptoms listed above?
3. Have I been in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with someone who recently tested positive for COVID-19?

If you answered yes to **any** of the above questions, do not come to any school building. Contact the person you were there to meet to inform them that you will not be coming.

Contact your health care provider to determine what your next steps should be.