

SCPS collaborates with the Seminole Department of Health to conduct contact tracing and determine isolation or quarantine length after positive test or exposure to a COVID positive individual. On September 22nd, the Florida Department of Health issued Emergency Rule 64DER21-15, which outlined quarantine updates for students in the school setting. SCPS has adjusted their guidelines in accordance to these rules to be effective immediately. The most updated student isolation and quarantine protocols are outlined below.

<p>Student Tests Positive for COVID-19 or Displays Symptoms Consistent with COVID-19</p>	<p>Return From Isolation Protocols:</p>
<p>Student must isolate from school until they satisfy one of the Isolation Return Protocols.</p>	<p>Student can return on Day 11 after symptom onset or on Day 11 after positive test date if no fever for 24 hours and symptoms are improving; <u>OR</u></p> <p>Student can take a COVID-19 diagnostic test (antigen or PCR) and return to school IF they are asymptomatic AND provide negative test results to the school; <u>OR</u></p> <p>The student receives written permission to return to school from a medical doctor licensed under chapter 458, Florida Statutes or osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459, Florida Statutes or a advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 464, Florida Statutes</p>
<p>Student is exposed to COVID-19 individual at school or in the community</p>	<p>Quarantine Protocols for Asymptomatic Students:</p>
<p>Parents or legal guardians of students who are known to have been in direct contact with an individual who received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 may choose either quarantine option.</p> <p>Direct contact is defined as any person within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive individual cumulatively for 15 minutes or more.</p>	<p>Parents/guardians can choose to quarantine student for a period of time not to exceed 7 days from last date of contact with the COVID positive individual. <u>OR</u></p> <p>Parents/guardians can allow the student to attend school, school sponsored activities, or be on school property so long as the student remains asymptomatic.</p>

If an exposed student develops symptoms during quarantine, they must meet the return to school protocols for symptomatic/COVID positive students.

In addition, anyone currently in quarantine must be allowed to return, if asymptomatic, upon parent request. No testing is required to return back from quarantine.