

Valor's Response to a Positive COVID-19 Case or Confirmed Exposure

If a student is found to be displaying signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or has been in "close contact" with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, we will follow the protocols listed below.

During school hours:

- The student reports feeling ill to a faculty or staff member
- The student will be escorted to the isolation room on the 1st floor and connect with the Student Experience Coordinator
- The student will be asked to wear a face mask if not already wearing one
- The student's temperature will be taken with a touchless thermometer
- If a temperature is registered greater than 100.4, or the student reports "yes" to the following screening questions, the parents will be notified, the student will remain in the isolation room to await a ride home or if able to drive will be asked to leave campus and return home.
- The questions are as follows:
 - Have you registered a temperature or fever greater than 100.4 in the last 14 days?
 - Are you currently experiencing any of the following COVID-19 symptoms or have you experienced any of these symptoms within the last 14 days?
 - Fever or chills
 - 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
 - Have you knowingly been exposed to COVID-19 within the last 14 days? (**Note:** any travel outside of the United States will be presumptively assumed to have exposed your student and will require quarantine, (new CDC guidelines require a 10 day quarantine with no test or 7 days with a PCR test taken on the 5th or 6th day from onset of symptoms or date of exposure before returning to participation).

- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days or are you waiting on a test result?
- The parents will be encouraged to schedule an appointment for their student with their healthcare provider for testing. **The student will need to remain out of school and access classes remotely until the initial test result is received and reported to Valor. A PCR/nasal swab test is required. Or alternate diagnosis.**
- **Update**; if the student is experiencing symptoms, a PCR test should be scheduled through your healthcare provider
- **Students with positive symptoms who elect not to be tested, must stay out of school for not less than 10 days from onset of symptoms, 72 hours fever free without fever reducing medications and improvement of respiratory symptoms.**
- **A positive test result will necessitate that the student stays out of school for not less than 10 days from onset of symptoms, 72 hours fever free without fever reducing medications and improvement of respiratory symptoms**

After hours or away from school attendance reporting:

- Students that are experiencing symptoms of sickness are encouraged to stay home.
- Parents are asked to call the attendance line to report if your student is sick for any reason. Please listen to the prompts/questions and answer as accurately as possible. This will allow Valor to track any trends and minimize transmission of sickness.
- Students that are excused from school/class for sickness will be excused for the entire day and are unable to participate in co-curricular activities until they are well. The best way to support your team is to keep your teammates healthy!
- **If for any reason you are either requested to get a PCR test or through an abundance of caution you determine that a test should be completed. Keep your student home until the initial test result is received and reported to Valor**

Result of a positive test or presence of COVID19 Symptoms:

- The student must remain in self quarantine for not less than 10 days, to include 72 hours without fever-reducing medications and improvement of respiratory symptoms.

- **If there are no symptoms present, the student must** isolate at home for 10 days from the day the test was taken. *If the student develops symptoms during this time, then the isolation time starts on day 1 of symptoms.
- The student may return to school after 72 hours without fever-reducing medications, no fever present or other symptoms consistent with COVID19
- **The student will need to remain out of school and access classes remotely until the initial test result is received and reported to Valor. A PCR/nasal swab test is required.**
- **If for any reason you are either requested to get a PCR test or through an abundance of caution you determine that a test should be completed. Keep your student home until the initial test result is received and reported to Valor**

Close Contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) of someone with confirmed COVID-19

- Upon confirmation of an exposure incident, we strongly encourage parents to contact their healthcare provider as well as communicating with Valor if the exposure was away from school.
- If an exposure takes place at school, Valor will make contact with Tri-county health with regards to process, procedure, and contact tracing.
- **Update;** students will be directed to stay home from school for not less than 10 days if you elect not to be tested, or 7 days with a negative test result, the PCR test must be taken on the 5th or 6th day after the date of exposure, in the case of a confirmed exposure.
- Valor will follow the recommendations of our local health care partners with regards to notifications, contact tracing, isolation or quarantine methods.
- **If a student is identified as a “close contact” they will be required to** quarantine for the prescribed time period as identified by the local public health authority

Alternate reason for varying symptoms

- **Update;** If there is an alternate diagnosis provided by a physician for a student’s symptoms, they may return to school after 24 hours fever/ symptom free and with documentation from their doctor.
- **Update:** If your student develops symptoms that are relieved in 24 hours after the initial onset, they may return to school after an additional 24 hours fever free with no fever reducers or medications being taken.
- If your student develops symptoms that are not resolved within 48 hours, Valor will necessitate that a PCR/ nasal swab test be taken and or that your student remain away from school for not less than 10 days, from onset of symptoms, 72

hours fever free without fever reducing medications and improvement of respiratory symptoms. Keep your student home while you await the results of the PCR/ nasal swab test.

Update: Testing Locations

- **Update;** Drive through COVID 19 testing will be available at the Children’s Hospital South campus in Highlands Ranch beginning Tuesday, September 15. It will be open from 9:30am- 6:00pm Tuesday-Saturday by appointment and with an order from a medical provider. An expected turnaround time of 24 hours for test results is expected.
- Students are also able to receive a PCR test/nasal swab at Children’s Hospital Aurora with an anticipated 24-hour turnaround time for results. A doctor's order is required in advance.

***Protocol based upon CDC, CDPHE, and Tri County Health recommendations and guidance**