

Since the beginning of the pandemic, CAC leadership determined to diligently implement the mandates prescribed by the Arkansas Department of Health to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect the health and safety of our school community. At the same time, consistent with our mission to partner with parents, we have trusted parents to make decisions related to COVID-19 for their children in areas that fell outside the scope of the policies and procedures mandated to the school by ADH.

Currently, there are no ADH school mandates related to COVID-19, only recommendations for individuals and organizations ([ADH](#)). The school is no longer required to report COVID-19 cases for isolation, contact tracing, and quarantine purposes. We will not be actively seeking that information from parents when students are ill and absent from school.

We are returning to our standard illness and return-to-school practices, which is defined in our student handbook, with the addition of the following isolation guideline for **a positive COVID-19 test** because of the highly contagious nature of the virus:

If you TEST POSITIVE for COVID-19: ***ISOLATE***

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status:

- Stay home for 5 days.
- During the isolation period, students also may not participate in extra-curricular activities.
- If you have no symptoms, or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
- Continue to wear a mask around others until 10 days have passed since symptoms started or after you got tested if you had no symptoms.

**If you still have fever after 5 days or more after starting your isolation, you should continue to stay home until 24 hours after your fever has resolved.**

**Absences accrued by students according to the above policy for a positive test will not count against a student's excused absences.**

Source: ADH

The school trusts our families to follow all school illness and return-to-school policies; however, failure to follow school policies may impact a student's attendance at CAC.

This policy is subject to change based on guidance from the Arkansas Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control.

