

## Frequently asked questions about COVID back to school safety

### 1. If my child gets sent home from school, when are they allowed to return?

We want families to follow the direction of 811, which is the first point of contact to get medical direction. We ask families to follow the direction of the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Students are allowed to return to school 48 hours after symptoms free.

### 2. What if my child has allergies?

If a student displays the symptoms consistent with COVID as listed in COVID-19 Protocols for AP-432 Illness in Care, all steps in the policy should be followed beginning with the child staying at home, or if the child is at school, parents being contacted to pick up their child, and instructed to call 811 and follow the directions of the Health Officials. At this time, this process should be followed by all students who display symptoms, regardless of whether we are told that the symptoms are a result of allergies or other conditions. School staff do not currently have discretion in this matter – if symptoms are noted, the procedures need to be followed. When the student with allergies returns to school, the school's reaction to any COVID-like symptoms will be based on the child – what we know about the child, what their allergies are like, if they've worsened – the student may not have to continue to be tested after the first negative test result.

### 3. What if my child becomes ill at home, what should I do?

We advise our families to keep your child at home, call 811 and follow the direction of the Saskatchewan health Authority. We also ask families to communicate with the school by either contacting child's teacher or main office to let us know. Students are allowed to return to school after a negative COVID test or 48 hours symptom free.

### 4. Are students required to wear masks all day?

Currently we are in Level 2 of the Provincial Safe Schools Plan. It states that if social distancing cannot be maintained, masks are required for students from grades 4-12. There may be situations where social distancing can occur (typically outdoors) where masks would not be required.

### 5. What are the symptoms schools are monitoring students for?

-fever	-runny nose	-nausea/vomiting
-cough	-nasal congestion	-diarrhea
-headache	-conjunctivitis	-loss of appetite
-muscle/joint ache	-dizziness	-loss of sense of smell
-chills	-fatigue	-shortness of breath
-difficulty breathing		