

Isolation and Containment Protocol

The Purpose of Isolation and Containment Protocols are to decrease the risks of spreading COVID-19. Schools must immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent/guardian. Room 11, next to the nurse's office, will be the space dedicated for symptomatic individuals who are waiting to go home.

- All persons who enter the isolation room will be logged for purposes of contact tracing.
- Parents will be advised of the need to pick up his/her symptomatic student ASAP.
- Isolation trained staff member must wear a surgical mask, face shield, gloves and gown (as needed).
- N95 masks are recommended for healthcare providers and must be fitted to ensure proper protection.
- If N95 masks are not available or fit testing is delayed, other face masks may be used.
- Symptomatic student who is waiting to be picked up must be 6 feet apart (wearing his/her face covering) from the isolation trained staff member and will be supervised for the entire duration in the isolation room.
- If multiple students are in the isolation room at the same time they will wear a face mask and maintain a distance of 6 feet or greater from each other.
- Do not place cloth face coverings or surgical masks on anyone who is unconscious or has trouble breathing, anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance, or anyone who cannot tolerate a cloth face covering due to developmental, medical, or behavioral health needs.
- Parents will be advised of the need to pick up his/her student ASAP.
- Should the isolated student need to use the bathroom, the student will use the single stall bathroom across from the handicap bathroom in the hallway. Once the bathroom has been used by an isolated student, the room will not be available to any other staff member or student until it has been disinfected by a custodial staff member.
- The parent/guardian or emergency contact will buzz the outside entrance door button to notify the main office that they have arrived.
- The main office will call the isolation room to tell the school nurse or supervising adult that the symptomatic student's parent has arrived.
- The student will be dismissed from the side exit near the music room.
- If at any point in time the student is having difficulty breathing, shortness of breath or becomes ill enough, 911 will be called immediately. EMS will be notified that COVID-19 is a concern.
- The school nurse or supervising adult will provide the parent/guardian or emergency contact with written instructions regarding the need to home isolate, consult a healthcare provider, and get tested.
- The chair or bed used by the symptomatic student will be cleaned and disinfected once they leave.