



What Happens When A Case of COVID-19 Is Identified in My Child's School?

- Your child's school may elect to partially or completely close while close contacts (people who were within six feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) of the sick person are identified and quarantined.
- Your child's school should contact anyone who has been identified as a close contact to instruct them to quarantine. **Refer to the [TDH guidance for more details](#).**
<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/Isolation-QuarantineRelease.pdf>
- Your school should carefully clean areas that were exposed to the sick individual, according to CDC and EPA guidelines prior to re-opening the affected areas. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>)

Will the Department of Health Contact Me?

- You may receive a call from a representative of the Department of Health if your child has been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19. **Refer to the [TDH guidance for more details](#).**

What Are the Symptoms of COVID-19?

- Common symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, abdominal pain and loss of smell or taste.
- If your child or anyone else in your family develops these symptoms, contact their medical provider.

Should My Child Be Tested?

- Unless your child has symptoms of COVID-19, testing is not routinely recommended.

Will My Child Get COVID-19?

- While the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 does not cause illness in every person it infects, it is highly contagious.
- If your child is a close contact of someone with COVID-19, your child is at risk of getting sick for up to 14 days from the time of their last exposure to the person with COVID-19. Your child will need to follow [TDH guidance for quarantine](#).
- If your child is not a close contact of someone with COVID-19, their chance of becoming ill is very low.

Always Practice Healthy Habits

- Follow all the appropriate social distancing recommendations.
- Avoid being with the elderly and other individuals at high-risk for complications from COVID-19.
- Wear a cloth face covering in public settings where other distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces regularly, including your phone.

Learn More:

www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/decision-tool.html>