



WCS COVID-19 Response Protocols

In response to MDHHS guidelines, Williamston Community Schools will follow these steps in responding to COVID-19. Please note that these protocols are subject to change:

COVID-19 Positive Individual that was onsite while Infectious

1. Staff inform COVID Testing Coordinator (CTC) of the positive case that was onsite while infectious.
2. The CTC will contact the positive individual/parent and provide isolation/return to school guidance based on the MDHHS guidelines (**Including masking on days 6-10**). The CTC will offer optional home test kits to the family. Testing kits may be sent home with the student or picked up in the office, depending on parent preference.
3. The CTC will email building administrators, secretaries, classroom teacher (elementary only), bus garage (if applicable), and athletic director (if applicable) with student's return to school date and masking timeline.
4. The CTC will submit a request for deep cleaning of the affected classroom/office space.
5. The CTC will update PowerSchool to reflect the dates the positive student needs to wear a mask at school.
6. The CTC will report the positive case to the health department using the online reporting system.
7. The CTC notifies the Superintendent of the positive case.
8. The CTC will monitor district COVID cases. Notifications to parents and staff will be sent if concerning trends or clusters emerge within the district.

COVID-19 Positive Individual that was NOT onsite while Infectious

1. Staff inform the CTC of the positive individual.
2. The CTC will contact the positive individual/parent and provide isolation/return to school guidance based on the MDHHS guidelines (**Including masking on days 6-10**).
3. The CTC will email building administrators, secretaries, classroom teacher (elementary only), bus garage (if applicable), and athletic director (if applicable) with student's return to school date and masking timeline.

Student/Staff Exposed to COVID-19 in the Household

1. Staff informs CTC of the exposed student/staff member.
2. The CTC contacts parent/individual and provides guidance based on the MDHHS guidelines (**Including masking on days 1-10 and recommended testing 5 days after exposure or if symptoms develop**). Families will be offered home test kits, if desired, to complete recommended testing.
3. The CTC will email building administrators, secretaries, classroom teacher (elementary only), bus garage, and athletic director (if applicable) with the student's masking timeline.
4. The CTC will update PowerSchool to reflect the dates the student is recommended to wear a mask at school.

Who is Impacted

Public Health Recommendations

COVID-19 Infection

Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 and/or displays COVID-19 symptoms (without an alternate diagnosis or negative COVID-19 test) regardless of vaccination status.



Isolate at home for 5 days (day "0" is day symptoms begin or day test was taken for those without symptoms); and



If symptoms have improved or no symptoms developed, may leave isolation after day 5 and wear a well-fitting mask, for 5 more days (ending after day 10).*



COVID-19 Exposure

Close contact exposed to someone with COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.



Monitor symptoms for 10 days.



Wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days after exposure.



Test 5 days after exposure and if symptoms develop.



Avoid unmasked activities or activities with higher risk of exposing vulnerable individuals.**



* You may remove your mask sooner than day 10 with two sequential negative antigen tests 48 hours apart. If a mask cannot be worn, 10 days of home isolation is recommended.

** Activities with immunocompromised or other high-risk individuals, social/recreational activities in congregate settings or when community levels are high.