

A Student is Showing Signs of COVID-19 in My Classroom: What Do I Do?

Quick Guide for Teachers

KNOW POSSIBLE SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS



Cough



Fever



Headache



Diarrhea



Vomiting

OTHER SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

Shortness of breath, chills, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, muscle pain, runny nose, feeling tired, and poor appetite.

EMERGENCY WARNING SIGNS (CALL 911):

Trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, and bluish lips or face.



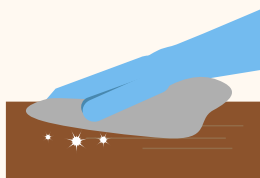
1. SEPARATE THE STUDENT

- Be discreet and calm.
- Make sure you and the student are wearing a mask and standing at least 6 feet apart.
- Following the school protocol, have the student safely escorted from the classroom to the isolation area.



2. INFORM

- Contact designated staff responsible for COVID-19 concerns (e.g., school nurse).
- Let them know the student is on the way to the isolation area or wait for the student to be escorted (according to school protocol).



3. CLEAN AND DISINFECT

- Close off the classroom and wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting, if possible. This will allow more time for the virus to die off.
- The classroom should be cleaned and disinfected, especially items in the student's area and shared items the student may have touched (e.g., doorknob and supplies).
- Note: Disinfectants can trigger an asthma attack. Choose safer products if students in the class have asthma.
- Open outside door(s) and window(s) to increase ventilation in the classroom, if possible.



4. IDENTIFY CLOSE CONTACTS

- Write down where the student was seated relative to other students in the classroom.
- Note if any person was within 6 feet of an infected student for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. Work with school officials on close contacts in accordance with applicable privacy laws.



5. PLAN FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOUR STUDENT MAY REQUIRE VIRTUAL OR AT-HOME LEARNING

- Speak with school administration about options for virtual learning.
- Make sure the student can make up work without penalty.



6. NOTIFY ADMINISTRATION ABOUT THE SICK STUDENT

- Assist administration with close contact assessment. Observe applicable privacy laws.
- Consider learning accommodations for students who are close contacts who may need to quarantine at home.

