



# ALBERTVILLE

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## CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

### **2023-2024 COVID-19 Protocols for Students**

*(Amended August 22, 2023)*

All suspected cases of COVID-19 confirmed by a family physician or medical clinic will be reported to an ACS school nurse to verify doctor's orders and excused absences.

- Doctor's orders will be followed regarding the length of quarantine and to provide guidance regarding the number of excused absences.
  - If doctor's orders require the student to wear a mask at school after the five initial days of quarantine and wearing a mask at school is not feasible (based on student's age or other health-related concerns), the student must continue to stay at home.
- In the absence of specific doctor's orders, the student must be in quarantine for five days, with the first day beginning when symptoms first appeared.
  - At the end of the five-day period, students who are symptom free for 24 hours may return to school.
  - Students who are not symptom free for 24 hours beyond the five-day quarantine period must stay out of school until they have been symptom free for 24 hours. Absences beyond the initial five-day quarantine must be excused with a parent note or a note from a physician.

Students who are exposed to someone with COVID-19 may continue attending school as long as they remain symptom free.

- If an exposed student develops symptoms, they are encouraged to be seen by a physician. Students who develop symptoms must not return to school until they have been symptom-free for 24 hours. Absences must be excused with a parent note or a note from a physician.

Home COVID-19 tests will not be accepted as proof of a positive COVID-19 case or be used to excuse student absences.