

# Porter Township School Corporation

## Health Guidance 2020-2021



### Level of Incidence of COVID in PTSC and in Porter County

(As determined by the Indiana State Department of Health and the Porter County Health Department)

Minimal Spread	Moderate Spread	Moderate to High Spread	High Spread
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimal known positive cases in the schools (PTSC)</li> <li>In-person learning with eLearning option</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderate known positive cases in the schools (PTSC)</li> <li>In-person learning with eLearning option</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderate to high known positive cases in the schools (PTSC)</li> <li>In-person learning with eLearning option</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High known positive cases in the schools (PTSC)</li> <li>In-person learning with eLearning option</li> </ul>

PTSC would move to eLearning for an individual school or the entire district only if one of the following three conditions is present (regardless of color): stay at home order issued, we cannot effectively staff our buildings, there is significant in-school transmission and the health department advises closure.

<b>Statistics for Porter County</b>	<p>The latest data can be found on the Porter County Dashboard:  <a href="https://www.porterco.org/1638/Dashboard-for-DESKTOP-DEVICES">https://www.porterco.org/1638/Dashboard-for-DESKTOP-DEVICES</a></p>
<b>If someone in your home is being tested (swab) for COVID-19 due to direct contact to a known positive case or signs of COVID-19:</b>	<p>Individuals should remain home if someone is being tested (swab) for COVID-19 due to direct contact to a known positive case or due to testing because they have signs of COVID-19. If test results for the household member are negative the individual may return if symptom free.</p>
<b>Contact Tracing and Communication to School Community if there is a Known Positive</b>	<p>The following steps will be taken when PTSC is notified by parent or by the Health Department of a positive COVID-19 result:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PTSC will use absence data collected along with seating charts to determine who has been a close contact.</li> <li>2. PTSC is required to provide that data to the State Department of Health and will also work with our Porter County Department of Health. The Porter County Department of Health works to contact close contacts to provide guidance.</li> <li>3. PTSC will notify those who have been deemed close contacts at school.</li> <li>4. The Porter County Health Department or Indiana State Health Department will contact the person who tested positive, determine if there are any additional close contacts that happened outside of school, and will contact those people. If you receive a call from the Porter County Health Department, please answer.</li> <li>5. PTSC will communicate with parents and staff that we have had a positive COVID-19 result within our school community. We will not release the building or differentiate between staff or student. Why? Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records maintained the school corporation which specifically prohibits disclosure of personal identifiable information. This refers to information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity either directly or indirectly. Legally, we have been cautioned to ensure that in releasing facts, we do not disclose other information that, alone or in combination, would allow a reasonable person in the school community to identify the student(s) who are absent due to COVID-19 with reasonable certainty. Under the American's with Disabilities Act, we are prohibited from sharing that data about our staff. We are not trying to be evasive; we are trying to follow the law.</li> </ol>

# Screening to be Completed **by Parent** Each School Day

## COVID-19 Screening for Parents

**Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness:**



**FEVER 100.4\* OR CHILLS**  
\*or school board policy  
if threshold is lower



**SORE THROAT**



**COUGH\* OR SHORTNESS  
OF BREATH**  
\*especially new onset,  
uncontrolled cough



**DIARRHEA, NAUSEA OR  
VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN**



**HEADACHE\***  
\*particularly new onset of severe  
headache, especially with fever



**NEW LOSS OF TASTE  
OR SMELL**

*\*May present with more than one symptom. This list does not include all possible symptoms.*

- 1** Does your child have any sign of illness above?
  - 2** Were you in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with anyone confirmed with COVID-19?
  - 3** If the answer is **YES** to any of the questions, **DO NOT** send your student to school. Instead, begin isolation of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Have you been tested for COVID-19? Only a positive test or provider diagnosis can confirm if someone has a current infection.
  - 4** Please keep your student home until they meet the criteria on the chart on back of the page.
- ➔** *If you have trouble breathing, chest pain, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake or bluish lips or face* **CALL 911!**



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# COVID-19 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE QUICK REFERENCE

Close Contact	Symptoms	Test status*	GUIDANCE
YES	YES	POSITIVE**	10 days isolation + 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medication and symptoms improved. Quarantine siblings, household members and close contacts
YES	YES	NEGATIVE*	Quarantine for 14 days from last date of exposure to + person AND 24 hours fever free with symptoms improved. If new symptoms, need reevaluation. Consider quarantine for siblings and household members if there is suspicion for COVID-19.
YES	YES	PENDING	Isolate at home until results back AND Quarantine for 14 days from last date of exposure to + person.^ Consider quarantine for siblings and household members if there is suspicion for COVID-19.
YES	YES	NOT TESTING†	Quarantine for 14 days from last date of exposure to + person or isolate for 10 days until fever free with symptoms improved, whichever is longer.
YES	YES	ALT DX w/note***	Quarantine for 14 days from last date of exposure to + person^^ AND 24 hours fever free with symptoms improved AND any additional criteria by healthcare provider.
YES	NO	POSITIVE**	10 days isolation from date test was collected + 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medication and symptoms improved. Quarantine siblings, household members and close contacts.
YES	NO	NEGATIVE*	Quarantine for 14 days from last date of exposure to + person^^
YES	NO	PENDING	Quarantine for 14 days from last date of exposure to + person^^
YES	NO	NOT TESTING†	Quarantine for 14 days from last date of exposure to + person^^
NO	NO	PENDING	No exclusion unless test becomes positive
NO	NO	NEGATIVE	No exclusion
NO	NO	POSITIVE**	10 days isolation from date test was collected + 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medication and symptoms improved. Quarantine siblings, household members and close contacts.
NO	YES	ALT DX w/note***	May return after 24 hours fever free and symptoms improved AND any additional criteria by health care provider in note.
NO	YES	NOT TESTING†	10 days isolation + 24 hours fever free without meds and symptoms improved.
NO	YES	PENDING	Isolate at home until results back Once have results, refer to appropriate guidance.
NO	YES	NEGATIVE*	May return after 24 hours fever free and symptoms improved AND any additional criteria by healthcare provider. <i>Provide test results before entry to school</i>
NO	YES	POSITIVE	10 days isolation + 24 hours fever free without meds and symptoms improved. Quarantine siblings, household members and close contacts.

\*Test status: documentation of negative test results must be provided before entry to school.

\*\*People with positive test results will be contacted by the state Department of Health and contact tracing will be done.

\*\*\* If an alternate diagnosis has been determined by a health care provider, a note that includes the date and contact information for the provider must be provided before entry to school.

^^Start date of quarantine is determined by last date of exposure to a positive or untested person. For families who are not able to isolate from everyone else at home, this may be after the ill person completes their 10 days of isolation.

†For persons opting to not get tested, they will be treated the same as the scenario for a person who has tested positive.

Do not need to quarantine if tested positive in the last 90 days unless new symptoms appear.

Shalom SBC Attendance/Exclusion chart and testing site links. 2020-09-04



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[https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/20\\_Quick%20Reference\\_9-17-20.pdf](https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/20_Quick%20Reference_9-17-20.pdf)

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## Individual is NOT a known close contact to a COVID-19 case:



Individual	Symptomatic	No Symptoms
<b>Not tested for COVID-19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The individual must remain home for at least 10 days since the first symptoms began AND be fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours AND with improvement of symptoms.</li> <li>Siblings and household members should follow the close contact chart below for exclusion.</li> <li>If diagnosed with another condition that explains the symptoms, such as ear or bladder infection, individual does not need to isolate and close contacts do not need to quarantine, doctor's note required to return to school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May attend school.</li> </ul>
<b>Tested and negative for COVID-19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The individual must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement of symptoms, unless otherwise advised by a healthcare provider.</li> <li>If diagnosed with another condition, the individual must complete the exclusion period for the diagnosed disease.</li> <li>Please provide proof of negative COVID-19 test (not antibody).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May attend school.</li> </ul>
<b>Tested and positive for COVID-19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The individual must <b>isolate</b> at home for at least 10 days since the first symptoms began AND be fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours AND with improvement in symptoms.</li> <li>Repeat testing is NOT recommended for making decisions about when people can return to work or school.</li> <li>Siblings, household members, and other close contacts should follow the close contact chart below.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must <b>isolate</b> at home for 10 days after the day the sample was collected.</li> <li>Siblings, household members, and other close contacts should follow the close contact chart below.</li> </ul>

## Individual IS a known close contact to a COVID-19 case:

Individual	Symptomatic	No Symptoms
<b>Not tested for COVID-19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The individual must <b>quarantine</b> for 14 days after the last contact with the COVID-19-positive person.</li> <li>If the exposure is to a household member and the case cannot properly isolate away from others at home, the last date of contact may be the last day of <b>isolation</b> for the positive person.</li> <li>The individual must also remain home for at least 10 days since the first symptoms began AND be fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours AND with improvement of symptoms.</li> <li>The criteria in both of the above bullets must be met before returning to school.</li> <li>Siblings, household members, and other close contacts should also follow this chart to determine <b>quarantine</b> length.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must <b>quarantine</b> for 14 days from the date of last exposure before returning to school or day care.</li> <li>If the exposure is to a household member and the case cannot properly <b>isolate</b> away from others at home, the last date of contact may be the last day of <b>isolation</b> for the positive person.</li> <li>If an individual who is a close contact becomes symptomatic, refer to the symptomatic scenarios.</li> </ul>
<b>Tested and negative for COVID-19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The individual must <b>quarantine</b> for 14 days after contact with the COVID-19-positive person, even if the student has an alternate diagnosis for symptoms.</li> <li>If still symptomatic after the 14 days, individual must wait to return to school until fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement of symptoms.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must <b>quarantine</b> for 14 days from the date of last exposure before returning to school or day care.</li> <li>If the exposure is to a household member and the case cannot properly <b>isolate</b> away from others at home, the last date of contact may be the last day of <b>isolation</b> for the positive person.</li> <li>If an individual who is a close contact becomes symptomatic, refer to the symptomatic scenarios.</li> </ul>
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[https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/20\\_Parent%20screening%2010-22-20.pdf](https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/20_Parent%20screening%2010-22-20.pdf)

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# Where Can I Get Tested for COVID-19?

**Notify your school immediately of any positive test or absence:**

PLE: <https://forms.gle/pkBfuheC88zytqHrz>

BGMS: <https://forms.gle/FAc4ca9e8gWq87iC7>

BGE: <https://forms.gle/7UyNwrjWnAB4EKBz7>

BGHS: <https://forms.gle/BrusPRzr4eih7WT9>

## COVID-19 Testing is Now Available in Porter County to ANY Hoosier Who Wants to be Tested!

COVID-19 testing is now available BY APPOINTMENT ONLY in Porter County.

Hoosiers will not be charged for testing and insurance is not required.

If you have private health insurance, please bring your insurance information with you.

Go to **REGISTER FOR COVID-19 TESTING ONLINE** to set up an appointment.

-or-

Call 888-634-1123 to set up an appointment

## **PTSC Parent and Staff Wolf Pack Pledge**

**For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf,  
And the strength of the Wolf is the Pack.**

**Rudyard Kipling, The Jungle Book**

**I pledge to protect all Porter Township School Corporation Wolves and our community.  
I will do this by:**

- **Screening each day before coming to work or school**
- **Staying home or keeping my child home when signs of illness are present**
- **Not coming to work or sending my child with medication to mask potential COVID-19 symptoms or signs of illness**
- **Wearing a mask at all times, except during mask breaks as given by a PTSC staff member**
- **Social distancing whenever possible**
- **Washing my hands or using hand sanitizer frequently**
- **Believing the best about people**
- **Not spreading rumors or gossip**
- **If I have an issue or concern, address it with the person directly, and not via social media**