

DoDEA COVID-19 Operational Guidelines and Protocols for Schools:

Quick Reference Guide

Students with symptoms

- Students exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home, and should contact their healthcare provider.
- Parents should seek a test at the recommendation of their healthcare provider. It is not a requirement to seek testing based solely upon exposure to someone else who is exhibiting symptoms.
- If a student is sent home, school nurses will contact the installation Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO) for tracking purposes.

Students directed to get tested

- TRICARE eligible students and school employees may utilize their installation's Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) to seek testing. All others should use their regular healthcare provider.
- Local PHEOs will be notified automatically if a student is tested at an installation's MTF. Parents of students that are tested on the local economy should notify school officials as we cannot guarantee that PHEOs will be informed.
- Students that test positive can typically expect results within 48 hours from their local MTF. Schools will be notified of positive test results only.
- During the waiting period, Installation Trace Teams will reach out to all known close contacts to direct quarantines. School officials may implement strict measures to facilitate contact tracing.

Students that test positive

- Parents should notify school officials immediately of positive test results.
- Installation Trace Teams will promptly reach out – by phone and/or email – to all known close contacts to direct quarantine. Close contacts may be notified within 24 hours, though times may vary with the number of total contacts and the availability of accurate contact information.
- Students that have tested positive may not return to school in-person until the school receives medical clearance indicating it is safe for them to do so.
- PHEOs will recommend whether a classroom or school should consider closing based on the number of known infections and close contacts. Final decisions will be rendered by DoDEA.

Students notified as close contact

- Trace Teams will provide close contact guidance consistent with local garrison protocols. Close contacts can expect to be directed to quarantine for 14 days or until the Trace Team has been informed that the contact tested negative, at which time the Trace Teams will again notify close contacts that they may return to school.
- Close contacts will not require medical clearance to return to school after a 14-day quarantine.

Nurse Advice Line

- [Get health care advice](#)
- [Find an urgent care center or emergency room](#)
- [Get recommendations for care you might need](#)
- [Schedule a same- or next-day appointment](#)



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0800-071-3516

Italy
800-979721

Belgium
0800-81933

Spain
900-82-2740

United Kingdom
0800-028-3263

Bahrain
800-06432

Turkey
00-800-44-822-5287