



Coronavirus (COVID-19) FAQs for Staff (Part II) Updated January 4, 2022

If I am informed that I have COVID-19, what are my reporting responsibilities?

Upon notification of a positive test, employees must contact their building administrator or immediate supervisor **and** the COVID Response Team within the first hour of notification. The COVID Response Team can be contacted at (201) 551-1174 and at crt@teaneckschools.org. Employees who test positive for COVID-19 will need to self-quarantine at their primary residence for a maximum of 10 days from the positive test. The district is currently using a 10 day quarantine for positive cases **with symptoms**. However, per the new CDC guidelines, if someone is **asymptomatic for the first five days**, they are no longer deemed “contagious”. Therefore, our new requirement states that if you test positive but are asymptomatic for 5 days AND test negative on/after day 5, then you may return to work after submitting the negative test result. If an employee has questions about time off and/or leave policies, the employee should direct their questions to Human Resource Management.

If I am informed that I have been exposed to COVID-19, what are the district’s requirements with regard to reporting and taking time-off?

Upon notification of a positive test, employees must contact their building administrator or immediate supervisor **and** the COVID Response Team within the first hour of notification. After notifying building administration and the COVID Response Team, employees must complete the [Staff Exposure Form](#). At this point, the district protocols and contact tracing procedures will be enacted.

What are the HR sick leave policies if I need to be out of work related to coronavirus?

Coronavirus is treated the same as any other illness. You may use your available sick or personal business days. Upon exhaustion of sick leave, unpaid family leave may be utilized. The Family Medical Leave Act provides for unpaid leave for a “serious health condition” to care for yourself or a family member. The New Jersey Family Leave Act is not available for your own serious illness, but only to care for a family member.





Will I be paid if I'm directed by medical professionals to self-quarantine due to exposure to someone who is symptomatic or tested positive for coronavirus?

Teaneck Employees will be paid their normal pay during the self-quarantine. If employees have jobs that can be performed at home, they are expected to do so. They should talk to their supervisors to make arrangements and clarify work assignments.

Do I apply for short term disability if my healthcare provider advises I stay home because I have COVID-19?

Employees who have COVID-19, or symptoms of COVID-19, or are advised to quarantine by a medical professional, may be eligible for short-term disability. Please note that you cannot receive pay or benefits from more than one program/law at a time (i.e. paid sick leave in conjunction with unemployment, disability, etc.).

A co-worker tells me they have been exposed to COVID-19 or have COVID-19. What should I do?

Inform your co-worker that upon notification of a positive test, employees must contact their building administrator or immediate supervisor **and** the COVID Response Team within the first hour of notification. The COVID Response Team can be contacted at (201) 551-1174 and at crt@teaneckschools.org. You should not ask the employee health-related questions due to confidentiality and privacy laws.

For Supervisory Administrators: One of my Teachers informed me of positive test results for COVID-19. What is my responsibility?

You must notify the COVID Response Team via phone at (201) 551-1174 **and** via email at crt@teaneckschools.org. Additionally, you must send the employee the district COVID-19 Exposure Form. You may not ask the employee health-related questions due to confidentiality and privacy laws nor may you disclose any medical information about the ill employee with co-workers.

Is documentation required for an employee who has been sick to return to work?

Employees must also adhere to the protocols of the Teaneck Public Schools. In most cases, employees may return to work after a 10-day quarantine period. If the employee has questions about time off and/or leave policies, please direct that employee to Human Resource Management.

I am not sick but have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with coronavirus. What should I do?



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Unvaccinated staff who have direct contact and require time off from work should submit proof of that contact.

I've been hearing about people who were in close contact with someone confirmed to have coronavirus. Who is defined to be a close contact?

According to the New Jersey Department of Health, a close (direct) contact is defined as: a) being within approximately six feet of a COVID-19 case of positivity for a cumulative period of fifteen minutes or more, within a 24-hour period. Close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or otherwise sharing a common space with a COVID-19 case of positivity; or b) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 positive individual. All health and medical related information will remain confidential, consistent with all HIPAA and applicable privacy laws.