



## **CORONAVIRUS FAQs**

### **TEANECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

#### **How are Teaneck Public Schools developing policies to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic?**

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Teaneck Public Schools have developed plans in conjunction with recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), The U.S. Department of State, and the State of New Jersey Department of Health, and the Teaneck Department of Health. For current governmental guidelines in New Jersey, please visit the official site of the [State of New Jersey](#)

#### **What happens if a student, staff member, or outside provider has COVID-compatible symptoms or tests positive for COVID?**

- Stay home, and complete the following:  
[COVID Exposure Form - Student](#)  
[COVID Exposure Form - Staff](#)

#### **How will the district respond if there is an outbreak of COVID-19 in its schools?**

- Schools must report single COVID-19-positive cases to their local health department. Local Health departments will work with our schools to determine if there is a COVID-19 outbreak.
- During an outbreak, the district may reinstate the wearing of masks and/or consider a temporary transition of affected cohorts to remote learning if a high number of cases is preventing timely contact tracing and exclusion and a short-term transition to remote learning is needed to allow for such actions to occur.
- Based on individual circumstances, decisions to reinstate additional health measures and transition cohorts to remote learning will be made in consultation with the local health department.

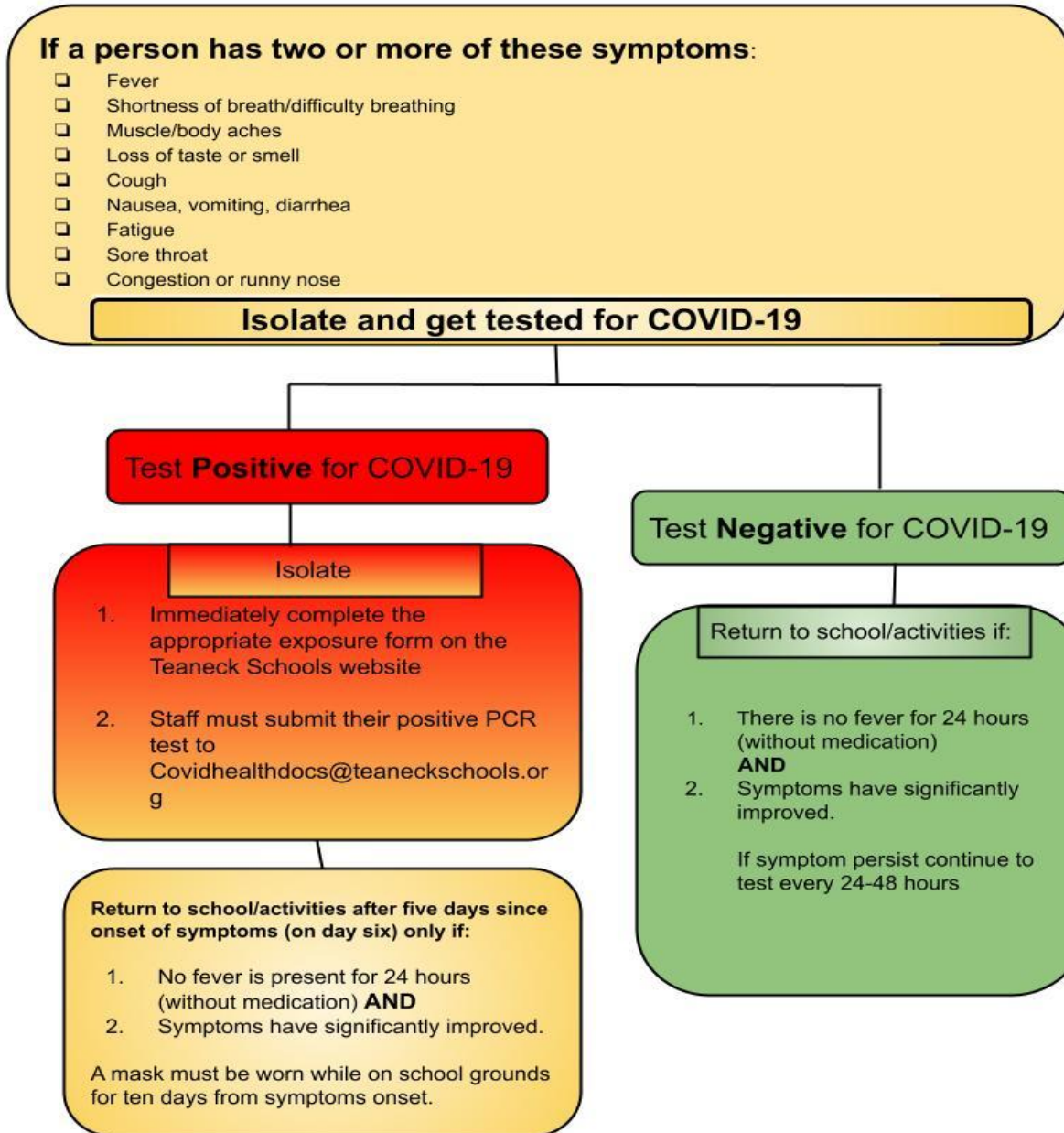


**When should faculty students and staff members isolate and contact the office of Human Resources and the COVID Response Team?**

Please refer to the Teaneck Public Schools COVID-19 symptoms flowchart below:

**Teaneck Public Schools COVID-19 symptoms flowchart**

This flowchart is for students, staff, extracurricular activities, and SACC.



**A member of the COVID Response Team will contact you within 24 hours after completing the exposure form**

### **How will non-COVID-related medical issues be handled?**

- The school nurse will support students with non-COVID-related medical needs as in any other school year.

### **What should you do if your child wakes up feeling ill?**

- Students who are not feeling well should stay home
- School nurses may contact parents of students who are ill and request that they pick their child(ren) up from school as soon as possible.

### **Will parents be required to complete and submit a daily COVID Wellness Form?**

No. Parents will not be required to complete a daily COVID Wellness Form. However, parents should monitor their child's health daily and keep them home if they are sick.

### **Does TPS have a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Students/Staff?**

There is no requirement for vaccination by either the State of New Jersey or the Teaneck Public Schools for students or staff.

For more information about the vaccines, see: ["Key things to know about the COVID-19 vaccine."](#)

### **Does TPS require students to get booster shots?**

Currently, Teaneck Public Schools do not require students to get booster shots. Still, the school community strongly encourages all eligible community members to keep their vaccinations up-to-date with a booster shot. When you have received your booster shot, please send documentation to the school nurse and the COVID Response Team.

### **What are the current guidelines for face coverings?**

- As per Governor Murphy's announcement on February 7, 2022, the use of face coverings throughout the Teaneck Public Schools — in classrooms and elsewhere — is no longer required in any settings unless expressed in writing by the COVID Response Team. However, as case numbers continue to fluctuate, we encourage face coverings for indoor public spaces and promote a mask-friendly environment.
- On Friday, February 25, 2022, the CDC lifted its federal order requiring masks on school buses. As per Governor Murphy's announcement made on Monday, February 28, 2022,



the Teaneck Public School District will make the wearing of masks optional on its school buses (owned and contracted) for all students, staff, outside providers, and visitors regardless of vaccination status, starting March 7, 2022. Any student, staff member, outside provider, or visitor may continue to wear a mask on the district's school buses (owned and contracted) if they choose.

- Each school will have masks available for students, staff members, and outside providers if needed.

#### **Will school buses be cleaned and sanitized?**

- Yes. Buses will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
- Before the start of the school year, bus drivers will be trained to spray/wipe down areas with disinfectant once students exit the bus.
- Bus drivers will be supplied with hand sanitizer, botanical disinfectant, and paper towels to clean between bus routes.
- Windows will be open during bus routes to provide ventilation, weather permitting.

#### **Where can you go to get vaccinated or tested for COVID?**

Order FREE COVID Test: [CLICK HERE](#)

COVID vaccinations available at Holy Name Medical Center: [CLICK HERE](#)

#### **What health and safety policies have TPS put into place?**

TPS developed various health and safety policies to help safeguard our school community. These include optional mask-wearing requirements for students, faculty, and staff and various protocols for the care of individuals who test positive for COVID-19.





## **OTHER RESOURCES**

**[COVID-19 Weekly Activity Report 1/5/2023 Download](#)**

**[U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)**

**[U.S. Department of State](#)**

**[State of New Jersey Department of Health](#)**

**[Teaneck Health Department - COVID Corner](#)**

**[COVID-19 Information Hub - What You Need to Know](#)**

**[Isolation and Quarantine Calculator - NJ.Gov](#)**



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