

Laconia School District
COVID-19 Response Scenarios and Plans

If there is a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case in the Laconia School District, the school nurse where the case is will contact NH Division of Public Health Services. Any response to a suspected or confirmed case will be directed by New Hampshire Public Health. Possible responses include but are not limited to: quarantine of an individual, quarantine of a group, or school closure.

Scenario 1: Person(s) with any new or unexplained COVID-19 symptoms prior to coming to school

- Exclude from school
- Advise to contact health care provider
- Clean and disinfect area used by student/staff
- Return: At least 10 days have passed since the person's symptoms first appeared and fever free for at least 24 hours and other symptoms are improving

OR

- Return: Person can provide written medical documentation that specific symptoms are chronic (not new), part of a pre-existing medical condition or not COVID-19 related

OR

- Return: Provide written documentation of negative COVID-19 test

Human Resources Notification: If a staff member reports to the nurse for COVID-19 related symptoms, and it is determined they need to be dismissed, Human Resources will be notified

Scenario 2: Person(s) with close contact in the prior 14 days with someone confirmed of having COVID-19

- Contact and report to NH Public Health
- Exclude from school
- Advise to contact health care provider
- Notify all individuals in close contact (within 6 feet of a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 for 10 minutes or longer) that they must quarantine for 14 days
- Return: Individual cannot test out of a 14-day quarantine

Scenario 3: Person(s) with close contact in the prior 14 days with someone highly suspected of having COVID-19

- Exclude from school
- Siblings of students who are undergoing testing for mild non-specific symptoms do not need to be excluded
- Siblings of students who are undergoing testing for highly suspected symptoms should be excluded from school
- Consult with NH Public Health, if needed
- Return: After self-quarantine of 14 days or when test results come back negative

Scenario 4: Person(s) who has traveled outside of approved New England

- Exclude from school
- Return: If traveled outside of New England, individual must self-quarantine for 14 days from the last day of travel outside of New England
- Individual cannot test out of 14-day self-quarantine

Scenario 5: Person(s) confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 reported to the school

- Advise person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to isolate at home and contact health care provider
- Person suspected of COVID-19 should be directed to get tested
- Consult with NH Public Health for guidance
- NH Public Health will work with the school to determine point of contact at the school to determine close contacts and decide who will need to self-quarantine
- NH Public Health will work with schools to notify and inform parents/guardians, students, and other staff of any exposure to people confirmed to have COVID-19
- Inform building administration
- Follow facility cleaning and disinfection recommendations from CDC
- Return: Individual with COVID-19 can return to school after CDC criteria are met, and/or provide a negative test to school

Scenario 6: Person(s) with any new or unexplained COVID-19 symptoms during the school day

- Person will be placed in an isolation area immediately
- Symptoms assessed and documented
- Contact parent/guardians for immediate pickup
- Advise contacting health care provider for COVID-19 testing
- If high suspicion for COVID-19 recommend dismissal of any siblings or household members
- Notify NH Public Health for highly suspected cases
- Clean and disinfect isolation room

- If highly suspect case, relocate classroom and follow cleaning and disinfection procedures
- Person will be dismissed immediately, and above procedures will be followed
- Return: Follow same guidance outlined for individuals with symptoms during the screening process

Human Resources Notification: If a staff member reports to the nurse for COVID related symptoms, and it is determined they need to be dismissed, Human Resources will be notified

Scenario 7: Reporting an investigation COVID-19 cases (suspected and confirmed) in educational facilities

- Contact NH Division of Public Health Services
- NH Division of Public Health Services will investigate with the support of school officials
- NH Division of Public Health Services will identify any other individuals considered to be at risk for exposure
- NH Division of Public Health Services will determine a course of action that may include quarantine (individual, classroom, and/or other groups)
- NH Division of Public Health Services will assist with school and student / family communication