



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to share information with you regarding in-person instruction and measures we will take if students/staff test positive for COVID-19 or display symptoms consistent with COVID-19. We continue to encourage students and staff to stay home when they are sick, wash hands frequently, maintain as much physical distance as allowed, cover coughs and sneezes, and wear masks correctly. Masks are still a requirement for staff and students that attend Pelham City Schools.

We need your help. Please screen your child every morning before they leave for school for fever (100.4 or higher) or any of these symptoms: Chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea. **If your child has any of these symptoms, please keep them home from school and call your medical provider for further instructions. If your child comes to the health room with any of these symptoms, you will be called by the school nurse or school personnel to come pick them up. We ask that you pick them up within the hour. Please make sure that we have current contact phone numbers and additional people on your contact list who can pick your child up in the event you are unable to.**

Any student or staff member with symptoms is advised to contact their healthcare provider to determine if the student/staff has COVID-19 or another, alternative diagnosis. Please self-quarantine. The school may require a healthcare provider's release to return to school or work.

The school nurse will help determine who are close contacts to a student or staff member who is positive or exhibiting major symptoms of COVID-19 (new unusual cough, new loss of taste or smell, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath). **The close contacts (defined as within 6 ft. of the positive or symptomatic person for 15 minutes or more) will be isolated and sent home.** A representative from the local health department may contact you with further instructions. Identified close contacts will be required to quarantine for 14 full days. * If an identified close contact has a negative COVID-19 test, it will not change the 14-day quarantine time-frame.

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they must quarantine for 10 days and be fever free for 24 hrs. (without fever reducing medication) and symptoms

should also be improving before returning to school. Pelham City Schools will follow current isolation and quarantine guidelines provided by ADPH.

The school nurse is required to report all positive or suspected cases of COVID-19 to the Alabama Department of Public Health.