

Pasco County Schools

Student Self-Screener

The Pasco County School District expects that all parents/guardians will complete this pre-entry screening tool daily, on behalf of their child/student, before the child attends school.

1. Does the student have new or worsening onset of any of the following symptoms?

- Fever (greater than 100.4) or chills
- New uncontrolled cough (if you have established chronic allergy or asthma, a change from your regular 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

YES ___ NO ___

If **NO**, please continue to question number 2.

If **YES**, the student cannot come on campus and will have to follow one of the three following choices:

- Contact the student's school nurse regarding his/her COVID-like symptoms
 - The student will need to be screened by the school nurse to determine if COVID testing is appropriate based on the present symptoms.
 - While awaiting COVID testing results, the student must remain off school campus in isolation.
 - If test result is **negative**, the student can return to school*.
- **OR** Provide the school documentation of a negative COVID-19 PCR test administered after the onset of symptoms (detects the viral genetic material)
- **OR** Present a written clearance to return to school from the student's physician indicating an alternate diagnosis that explains the present symptoms.
 - *The student must also be fever free for at least 24 hours (without taking medication to reduce fever)
 - AND** have improvement in other symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) prior to returning to school.*

2. Within the past two weeks, has the student had prolonged AND close contact (closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes within a 24-hour window) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

YES ___ NO ___

If **NO**, please continue to question number 3.

If **YES**, the student will not be able to come on campus and is required to quarantine. Please call the Pasco County Department of Health to determine if the student will need to quarantine based on the specifics of the exposure to the positive case and follow their quarantine orders and return-to-school date.

- Students in this category must remain in quarantine for the **full** duration of the quarantine period, as required by the Department of Health. A negative (-) COVID PCR test result for the quarantined individual or a doctor's note will not exempt the student from this requirement and will need to complete the quarantine before returning to school.

3. Has the student recently tested positive for COVID-19 or is waiting for test results due to their own illness?

YES ___ NO ___

If **NO**, the student may come to school as planned.

If **YES**, the student waiting for test results must be kept home until results are available.

If test result is **negative**, then student can return to school.

If test result is **positive**, the student cannot come on campus and is required to:

- stay home for 10 days from the date the positive test was administered.
- **OR** stay home for at least ten days since symptoms first appeared (whichever occurred first),
 - **AND** be fever free for at least 24 hours (without taking medication to reduce fever)
 - **AND** have improvement in other symptoms (cough, shortness of breath).

This is a rapidly evolving situation. This information is current as of December 7, 2020.

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If you answer YES to any of these questions, the student needs to remain at home and cannot attend school until completing steps listed above. Please contact your medical provider for further guidance. You can access the CDC coronavirus self-checker at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/testing.html>

*Please note that Executive order 20-139 encourages anyone with a **significant underlying medical condition** (moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immunocompromised status, cancer, diabetes, severe obesity, renal failure and liver disease) to take measures to limit their exposure to COVID-19.*

The novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, is an extremely contagious virus, which can cause serious medical conditions, including death. COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, and as a result, federal, state, and local governments along with federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in some circumstances, limited the congregation of people. The District School Board of Pasco County (DSBPC or District) has initiated reasonable, precautionary measures in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, given the extremely contagious nature of COVID-19, the DSBPC cannot guarantee that your child(ren) will not contract the virus while attending or engaging in school-related and/or extracurricular activities. To reduce the risk of exposure, the District has provided parents and guardians with several virtual educational options outside of the traditional brick and mortar classrooms, which include Pasco eSchool and mySchool Online. We look forward to educating your child(ren) and we appreciate your cooperation and efforts as we all work together to keep our students, children, and society healthy.