COVID-19 Testing Information

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Mission and Vision

OUR VISION
We envision a culturally relevant, innovative school district that provides a foundation of opportunities for our students to thrive.

OUR MISSION
The mission of Rich Township High School District 227 is to sustain a focus on students and on student success.
Agenda

• Information Summary
• Update Employees regarding COVID procedures for student and staff
• Onsite Testing
• Quarantining Period
• Contact Tracing
• Re-entry into the workforce and school
Symptoms

- People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:
  - Fever or 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

Source: About COVID-19 | IDPH (illinois.gov)
Transmission

• Human coronaviruses are mostly spread from an infected person to others through:
  • The air by coughing and sneezing
  • Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands
  • Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands

Source: About COVID-19 | IDPH (illinois.gov)
Proactive Measures

- Daily Screening
- Temperature checks
- Observation
- Testing with consent
- Mask requirement
- Social distancing
- Regular filter changes to improve air quality
- Clean facilities
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Contact tracing
Policy 4:180

In-Person Attendance; Health Examination and Testing – During Times of Pandemic

• The Board has approved the ability to conduct COVID-19 tests at the expense of the Board.
• Tests are voluntary and are offered to students or staff displaying symptoms whose parents/guardians or staff have provided written consent to such testing.

Nothing in this Policy limits the authority of the Board or Superintendent:

1) to require students or employees to provide evidence of a test at their own expense before continuing or returning to in-person attendance and instruction or
2) to require students and employees to comply with guidance of the Illinois Department of Public Health and other governmental health authorities and general health and safety protocols.
COVID-19 Testing

- RTHS offers COVID-19 testing for student and staff to assist in the safe return to in person hybrid instruction
  - Abbott BinaxNow Rapid test
  - Results (15 – 20 minutes), instead of awaiting test results for days
  - Offering a COVID test at school will provide a safer environment for students and staff
  - Provides a systematic process for having students and staff to quarantine
Who Should Test?

• People who have symptoms of COVID-19;
• People who have had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more) with someone with confirmed COVID-19; (after five days to avoid a false negative)
• People who have been asked or referred to get testing by their health care provider, or by IDPH or your local health department
• Individuals we have received consent to test

Source: About COVID-19 | IDPH (illinois.gov)
Reporting Requirements

• All COVID-19 tests and test results must be reported (positives, negatives, and indeterminants).

• Results reported directly to Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) POC Testing Reporting Portal to fulfil COVID-19 reporting requirements for Illinois.
Staff Information

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Staff Requirements

• You must complete the daily health screener
• You must wear a mask (covering mouth and nose) when around others
• You must social distance (always stay 6 feet or more from other people)
• You should not be in close contact with others (at lunch, before/after work)
• You should wash your hands regularly throughout the day with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or sanitize your hands)
Staff requirements cont'd

Daily Health Screener

- Must be completed everyday
- Must report with accurate information that reflects your true health condition

If you are not feeling well, please indicate the symptoms on the form ie. headache, sore throat, runny nose etc.
Additional process for staff

Contact the Office of Human Resources, notify us of your symptoms we will inform you of your next steps

You will be directed to stay at home based on the onset of your symptoms
Probable/Confirmed Next Steps

• Step 1- Contact Human Resources
• Step 2- Pre-screen interview
• Step 3- Employee tests for COVID
  • Positive-quarantine for 10 days (retest after day 10)
  • Negative-quarantine for 5 days, re-test on day 6, and follow-up with HR
• Step 4- Contact Tracing conducted
• Step 5- Remote options discussed with employee
• Step 6- Human Resources will notify the employee and supervisor when employee is cleared to return
Contact Tracing Process

- Contact tracing will be done through HR for staff
- Contact people with COVID-19 to identify everyone they had close contact with during the time they may have been infectious
  - Close contacts: Around an individual for 15 minutes or more and less than 6ft
- HR will ask you for a list of people that you were around and will inquire as to why the 6ft or more guideline was not practiced
- HR will notify Faculty and Staff of their potential exposure
- Referring those contacts for testing after five days of the exposure
- Isolation may occur for five days, testing on day 6, if negative return after 7 days
- Monitoring contacts for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 between day 1 and 5
- Connecting contacts with services they might need to remain at home during the self-quarantine period
Student Information

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Asymptomatic

Individuals without COVID-19 symptoms

• should be served in the nurse’s office.
• should **not** be sent to the isolation room
• Should not be tested
Students showing symptoms

- Contact administration
- Students should be escorted to the isolation room
- Student should complete questionnaire
- A temperature will be taken
- Student should remain in isolation room unless they are going to the rest room or testing space.
- Only students with parental consent can be tested
- All students and staff should be sent home through exit door nearest to the isolation room
  - In room at FAC
  - Next to wrestling room at STEM
Close contact

Defined as:
- After contact tracing is completed:
  - Notification will be received from administrator
    - CCC for students
  - Close contact letter will be provided
  - Student should quarantine for 10 days
Student with alternative diagnosis

• Students with an alternative diagnosis may exhibit symptoms that resemble COVID-19

• The student will be required to bring in a doctor’s note

• They will be allowed to return to class without restrictions

• School nurse will notify teachers of acceptable symptoms

• If additional symptoms are developed, the student would start the process again

COMMON ALLERGY SYMPTOMS

• Sneezing
• Runny or stuffy nose
• Itchy or watery eyes
• Itchy nose or ears
• Post-nasal drip (which can sometimes cause a mild sore throat)
• Mild fatigue
Resources

• When to quarantine: [COVID-19: When to Quarantine | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html)
  

• Decision tree: [PowerPoint Presentation (isbe.net)](https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IDPH-COVID19-Exclusion-Decision-Tree.pdf)
  

• Guidance for schools: [School Guidance | IDPH (illinois.gov)](http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/school-guidance)
  
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