



COVID-19 Protocol Information

Dear parents,

As the months turn cooler, in the midst of COVID-19, we want each family to be prepared and to understand what our school protocol will be if your child feels ill, either at home or at school. We are grateful for resources and expertise shared with us from Garfield County Public Health, local physicians, and experiences from other local schools. Our aim is to keep students in school as much as possible, while following protocols created by health and medical professionals to keep our school in session.

A few definitions below:

Major Symptoms	Minor Symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Feeling feverish, having chills- Temp of 100.4 F or greater- Loss of taste or smell- New or unexplained persistent cough- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sore throat- Runny nose or congestion- Muscle or body aches- Headache- Fatigue- Nausea, vomiting- Diarrhea

Exposure is defined as being within 6 feet of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes or in a cohort or classroom with someone diagnosed with COVID-19.

If your child is exposed to COVID-19:

1. Inform the office as soon as possible, including weekends.
 - Call 970-930-1804 or
 - Email admin@theskylarkschool.org (email when school is not in session)

2. Expect to have your child quarantine for 14 days and to make an appointment to get tested. If your child's test reads positive, please notify the School Office.



If your child exhibits one or more symptoms of COVID-19 without known exposure:

1. Inform the office as soon as possible, including weekends.
 - Call 970-930-1804 or
 - Email admin@theskylarkschool.org (email when school is not in session)
2. Please expect the following questions from the office:
 - What symptoms is your child experiencing?
 - Does he/she have a fever?
 - When did symptoms arise?
 - Has your child been exposed to anyone with COVID-19?
3. Please expect these next steps:

If your child has a **fever** (temperature of 100.4 or greater):

1. Make the next available appointment with your physician and request a COVID-19 test.
2. If your child's test reads negative, AND your physician gives an alternative diagnosis, your child may return to school when he/she is fever free for 24 hours and symptoms have improved. We will follow routine return to school protocol for illness.

When your child returns to school, you must request and bring a letter from your physician that states that: one, your child has been evaluated for COVID-19 and found to be negative and two, that an alternative diagnosis or documented medical history has been determined.

3. If your child's test reads positive, please notify the School Office and isolate your child for 10 days from symptom onset and until your child is free of fever for 24 hours and symptoms have improved.

If your child has a **major symptom without a fever** (see pg. 1 for major symptoms; fever is a temperature of 100.4 or greater):

1. If symptoms resolve in 24 hours, return to school. No testing or evaluation needed.
2. If symptoms do not resolve in 24 hours, make the next available appointment with your physician and request a COVID-19 test.
3. If your child's test reads negative, and/or your physician gives an alternative diagnosis, your child may return to school when symptoms have improved and assuming the child remains fever-free. We will follow routine return to school protocol for illness.

When your child returns to school, you must request and bring a letter from your physician that states that your child has been evaluated for COVID-19 and found to be negative and/or an alternative diagnosis or documented medical history has been determined.

4. If your child's test reads positive, please notify the School Office and isolate your child for 10 days from symptom onset and until your child is free of fever for 24 hours and symptoms have improved.

If your child has **one or more minor** symptoms (see pg. 1):

1. If symptoms resolve in 48 hours, return to school. No testing or evaluation needed.
2. If symptoms do not resolve in 48 hours, make the next available appointment with your physician and request a COVID-19 test
3. If your child's test reads negative, and/or your physician gives an alternative diagnosis, your child may return to school when symptoms have improved and assuming the child remains fever-free. We will follow routine return to school protocol for illness.

When your child returns to school, you must request and bring a letter from your physician that states that your child has been evaluated for COVID-19 and found to be negative and/or an alternative diagnosis or documented medical history has been determined.

4. If your child's test reads positive, please notify the School Office and isolate your child for 10 days from symptom onset and until your child is free of fever for 24 hours and symptoms have improved.

A note on siblings:

What if one of your children exhibits COVID-19 symptoms?

Siblings are free to come to school until:

- They develop symptoms themselves or
- Your child who has symptoms tests positive for COVID-19