



COVID FAQs - October 13, 2020

Please note - Regulations regarding the pandemic change sometimes daily, and we know this can be difficult to navigate. If you want to confirm your next steps, or need assistance with screening decisions, please call our health aides, and we will help walk you through it for your child.

MINOR, MAJOR & CRITICAL Symptoms

Please read through the difference between MINOR, MAJOR and CRITICAL symptoms for COVID-19. We hope these guidelines help you navigate what to do when your child(ren) gets sick.

According to Jeffco Public Health, the following are considered MINOR symptoms:

- Sore throat
- Runny nose/congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea

Jeffco Public Health defines the following as MAJOR symptoms:

- Fever 100-4 or higher and/or the following symptoms have been observed
- Feeling feverish or having chills
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath

Jeffco Public Health defines the following as CRITICAL symptoms:

- Loss of taste or smell

What if my child has been sent home or I screen them and find MINOR symptoms?

Please keep your child home and observe symptoms. If symptoms resolve completely within 24 hours, your child may return to school the following day. The exception to this rule is for vomiting and diarrhea - if symptoms last less than 24 hours, your child can return to school 24 hours AFTER the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.

What if my child has minor symptoms only? If they have resolved in 48 hours and your child can safely wear their mask they may return to school.

What if my child's MINOR symptoms last longer than 24 hours, but less than 48 hours?

You'll need to keep your student home for an additional 24 hours of observation AFTER symptoms subside. If your COVID test comes back negative and your symptoms are going away, you can come back to school.

What if my child's MINOR symptoms continue to worsen or new symptoms occur?

Please keep your child home and report illness through the attendance line. Please keep your health care provider posted, and it's recommended that you seek advice on a COVID-19 PCR test (not rapid). Please also stay connected with our health aides to further review your student's symptoms before returning to school.

What if my child has been sent home or is screened for MAJOR symptoms?

If your child has fever of 100.4 or greater, feeling feverish or having chills, has loss of taste or smell, new or worsening cough, experiencing shortness of breath, please check in with your primary care provider and ask for a COVID-19 PCR (not rapid) test within 24 hours.

If my child screens positive for one or more COVID symptoms and has a CRITICAL symptom (loss of taste or smell)?

Follow home isolation for 10 days following symptom onset AND 24 hours fever free without use of fever reducing meds.

What if I have multiple children at Compass, and one has symptoms and is getting tested for COVID?

All children in your household need to remain home until the symptomatic child has a negative test.

What do I do if an adult in our home is sick with COVID symptoms and my child is part of in-person learning?

If any member living in your immediate household is sick with COVID symptoms, you need to remain home until their test result is returned. If the household member's COVID test is negative, and the student does not develop ANY symptoms, they may return for in-person learning.

What if a member of my household tests positive for COVID?

If any member living in your immediate household tests positive for COVID, the entire family should quarantine for 14 days and consult the public health department.

If my child is part of the in-person learning cohort and they get sick or become quarantined, can they join the remote learning cohort?

No, your child will not be able to join the remote cohort if they get sick or quarantined, as the remote cohorts are completely separate from our in-person learning classes. However! There is a Google Classroom for children who were in-person learners, and are now sick or quarantining.

If we decide to go on vacation, can my child join the remote learning cohort?

No, if you choose to go on vacation, we do not have a remote learning option for your child.

If my child is sick and is part of the remote learning cohort, do I need to still call them in?

Yes. Please make sure that you report them absent if they are not able to participate in remote-learning. This may feel unnecessary, but it helps us determine that all children are safe and it lets us know that you are aware they are not participating in school.

What do I do about pre-arranged absences?

If you are planning a trip, please fill out this prearranged absence google form for [CH and Elementary](#) and [Farm School & High School](#). (Google form coming soon). Please communicate your plans via email with your child's teachers as well.

What if I need to pick my child up before dismissal time or bring them late?

Please come to the main entrance, ring the doorbell, and a staff member will be more than happy to help retrieve your child.

For all cases, please keep our Compass Health Aides posted.

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Due to COVID regulations, we will have to send kids home from school for minor symptoms during the pandemic. We know this may seem unnecessary at times, but we are following strict safety guidelines, and we appreciate your cooperation. Please screen your family using the lists of MINOR and MAJOR symptoms above every day before coming to school. You may also refer to the CDPHE [How Sick is Too Sick](#) document. More details regarding the Colorado Department of Public Health's process for managing COVID cases can be found [here](#). We know the pandemic can be stressful, here are some [tips](#) from the CDC.

This [Safer at Home document](#) was released by CDPHE to help us navigate through minor, major and critical symptoms.