



## Exclusionary Criteria

**Exclusion for the LeafSpring School illness policy (as outlined in the Parent Handbook) will remain in effect with the following additions:**

- The nurse, in collaboration with the director, may exclude any child or faculty/staff member who presents with symptoms of COVID-19 to include cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, and fever of 100° or greater.

**Once a child or faculty/staff member is excluded for fever or symptoms of COVID-19:**

- Faculty/staff member should be immediately dismissed from school.
- Child should be placed in Spot Stop, if possible, with both doors closed while awaiting pick-up.
  - Nurse/caretaker should wear appropriate PPE while caring for child including gloves, mask, eye shield/goggles, and disposable gown or washable smock.
  - Child should be dismissed to parent through external Spot Stop door.
- If possible, remaining children/teachers in classroom should move to a different location.
  - Consider performing daily health check/temperature check on remaining children/teachers in class.

**If a diagnosis OTHER THAN COVID-19 is confirmed (strep, influenza, etc.) AND child/faculty/staff member is not being tested for COVID-19:**

- Follow return to class policy outlined in the Parent Handbook.

**If there is no confirmed diagnosis OR the child/faculty/staff member is being tested for COVID-19 and awaiting results:**

- Exclusion from school must continue until there is a negative COVID-19 result OR the following criteria is met
    - No fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers)
- AND
- other symptoms have improved (for example, when cough or shortness of breath have improved)
- AND
- at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

**If a child/faculty/staff member receives a positive result for COVID-19 testing, LeafSpring School will contact the local health department and follow all guidance and instructions given.**

- **While awaiting guidance, parents of children in that group and faculty/staff members in that group should be immediately notified and instructed to begin quarantine while awaiting further instructions from health officials.**

**If a member of the immediate family or household unit is sick with any symptoms of COVID-19 or is awaiting test results for COVID-19, the child/faculty/staff member will be excluded from school until there is a negative test result or until 14 days after the family/household member's symptoms have resolved.**

**If a member of the immediate family or household unit is confirmed positive with COVID-19, the child/faculty/staff member will be excluded from school until 14 days AFTER the person who was positive has been released from isolation.**

- The person who was positive for COVID-19 must meet the following criteria to be released from isolation. The 14-day quarantine period for the child/family/staff member will begin on the day that these criteria are met. This means that the child/faculty/staff member will likely need to be quarantined longer than the person who was positive for COVID-19.
  - No fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers)AND
  - other symptoms have improved (for example, when cough or shortness of breath have improved)AND
  - at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

**If a student/faculty/staff member has had close personal contact for 10 minutes or more while a person was sick with COVID-19 or 48 hours before they became sick, the child/staff/faculty member will be excluded from school for 14 days from the last known date of contact with the COVID-19 positive person.**

As you know, according to our Parent Handbook:

*“For classroom absences due to illness of five (5) or more consecutive school days, a fifty percent (50%) reduction in tuition is given. Limit: two (2) weeks per child. Illnesses must be substantiated with a doctor's note before credit is given.”*

**During COVID-19, we are lifting the 2-week maximum on sick credit to allow for necessary quarantining to safely happen.**