



# District 39 Responding to COVID-19

## **D39 Family Response to Illness Booklet**

*(updated March 17, 2022)*

### **DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS**

Only students and staff who are healthy should report for in-person learning. Students and staff displaying symptoms of COVID-19 are required to stay home. By attending school, parents/guardians, faculty/staff, and volunteers certify that they are free from [symptoms of COVID-19](#).

### **SYMPTOM OF COVID-19**

Students must not exhibit any [symptoms of COVID-19](#) before coming to school. Please [click here](#) for a list of symptoms, which include fever (100.4°F or higher), new cough, sore throat, new onset of moderate to severe headache, and shortness of breath.

### **RESPONSE TO ILLNESS**

District 39 will follow the response to illness guidelines and procedures recommended by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). For the most up-to-date information regarding the guidance and instruction provided to schools by the Cook County Department of Public Health, please visit the [CCDPH School Health Page](#).

### **What should I do if my child displays symptoms associated with COVID-19?**

If parents find that their child is displaying any symptoms associated with COVID-19 at any time, they should keep their child home, notify the school of their child's absence via the school Attendance Line, and seek testing and/or physician evaluation..

In accordance with guidance from the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), District 39 can now accept any lab-based COVID-19 test for return to school/work (PCR or rapid antigen). Unfortunately, a home test result cannot be accepted for a symptomatic individual to return to school/work. Per the CCDPH,

an alternate diagnosis for COVID-19 symptoms from a physician must be accompanied by a negative COVID-19 test result.

### **How is school work provided when a student is absent from school?**

As with all absences, it will be expected that the student who is absent from an in-person instructional day (and/or the student's family) works with the student's teacher(s) to obtain assignments and complete essential work so that the student maintains academic progress, depending on the severity of their symptoms. Student make-up work will be completed at home.

- **For absences unrelated to COVID-19 and/or of short duration (3 days or fewer), typical absence procedures will be followed.** Work will be sent home and students will be provided directions for work completion and returning their work to school. Teachers will support student learning upon return to the classroom.
- **For absences due to COVID-19 diagnosis and/or quarantine with anticipated longer duration (4 or more days), work will be sent home and students will be provided access to the direct instruction portion of their day through synchronous or asynchronous means, as appropriate.** This may include recorded lessons or one-way live Zoom access to the instruction, and is not required to be interactive.

### **Are COVID-19 metrics for the regional, community and district areas regularly reviewed by the district and available to the community?**

Yes. District 39 is continuing to monitor COVID-19 metrics for our local community and region. In addition, the District closely monitors school-based data related to cases and transmission. This data is updated daily and publicly available on the [D39 COVID-19 metrics page](#).

## **COVID-19 TESTING OPTIONS AND RESOURCES**

District 39 is proud to partner with a variety of community agencies to ensure that access to COVID-19 testing is available to students, families and staff, when needed. The following resources provide links to local testing sites where testing is both convenient and free to families and staff. Families may also choose to access testing through their local physician, pharmacy or other testing agencies. For more details on available testing options, please visit our [D39 COVID testing page](#).

### **SHIELD Illinois COVID-19 Testing through District 39**

District 39 has partnered with the University of Illinois to provide weekly COVID-19 testing for all registered students and staff. SHIELD testing is offered every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon (3:30-6:30 pm) and Saturday morning (8-11 am) at Wilmette Junior High. Please note that this schedule is subject to change during District breaks.

Participants **must bring their individual QR code** in order to be SHIELD tested. The QR code can be shown on printed paper, digitally via the electronic version or by taking a picture with your camera on your phone. **SHIELD staff is no longer able to look up an account onsite.** Please refrain from eating or drinking for one hour prior to providing the sample.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

### Need help - who do you contact?

We know that it can be confusing for parents to know the correct person to contact when you have a question or concern about a particular topic. In most circumstances, the first person parents should contact with a general question or concern would be your child's homeroom teacher. There are other questions or concerns where another member of our faculty and staff may better address a question or concern. In an effort to provide parents with some additional guidance on the correct person to contact, please reference the chart below.

#### For Questions or Concerns About...

- Your child's overall classroom experience
- COVID-19, illness, health
- General school issues, travel quarantine, suggestions, or recurring concerns
- District/School Policies and Procedures

#### First Contact

Homeroom Teacher  
School Nurse  
School Principal  
  
Superintendent

Contact information can be found on our school websites through search of the staff directory.

| School Website                                     | School Nurse                    | Phone        | Nurse's Email  |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------|--|
| <a href="#">Central School</a>                     | <a href="#">Nicole Meyer</a>    | 847-512-6102 | <a href="mailto:meyern@wilmette39.org">meyern@wilmette39.org</a>     |
| <a href="#">Harper School</a>                      | <a href="#">Valerie Morse</a>   | 847-512-6202 | <a href="mailto:morsev@wilmette39.org">morsev@wilmette39.org</a>     |
| <a href="#">McKenzie School</a>                    | <a href="#">Mary Satkowski</a>  | 847-512-6302 | <a href="mailto:satkowsm@wilmette39.org">satkowsm@wilmette39.org</a> |
| <a href="#">Romona School</a>                      | <a href="#">Mary Ann Roche</a>  | 847-512-6402 | <a href="mailto:rochem@wilmette39.org">rochem@wilmette39.org</a>     |
| <a href="#">Higherest Middle School</a>            | <a href="#">Mary Mclone</a>     | 847-512-6502 | <a href="mailto:mclonem@wilmette39.org">mclonem@wilmette39.org</a>   |
| <a href="#">Wilmette Jr. High School</a>           | <a href="#">Kiersten Wagner</a> | 847-512-6652 | <a href="mailto:wagnerk@wilmette39.org">wagnerk@wilmette39.org</a>   |
| <a href="#">Wilmette Public School District 39</a> |                                 | 847-512-6030 |  |

## PERIODS OF HIGHER TRANSMISSION

During periods of medium or high transmission as defined by the [CDC](#) and/or as directed by the [CCDPH](#), health department guidance may advise a return to more restrictive mitigation and response to illness procedures. The most recent edition of the D39 Response to Illness Booklet for periods of higher transmission was published on January 14, 2022 and is [available for review here](#).