

# COVID -19 Protocols

These protocols will be used to make decisions concerning testing results, exposures, symptoms of COVID-19 and the opening and closing of schools. The following protocols were developed in coordination with McDonough County Health Department, McDonough District Hospital, Bushnell Prairie City School District, and Macomb School District using the current information available. In addition, they are supported by McDonough County Emergency Operations Center, Regional Office of Education 26 and Spoon River College.

Positive Test Result	Close Contact or Asymptomatic	Exhibiting Symptoms	Matrix for Opening/Closing Schools
<p>1. Isolate for <b>minimum of 10 days</b> and <b>then</b> be fever and symptomatic free for 24 hours without the use of any fever-reducing medications.</p> <p>2. Contact tracing will then occur by McDonough County Health Department supported by the educational institution.</p> <p>3. Close contact persons will be defined as those within a 6 feet radius for a period of 15 minutes or longer. (This now matches the current CDC guidelines).</p>	<p>1. Self-Quarantine for 14 days.</p> <p>NOTE: Cannot test out of 14-day self-quarantine.</p>	<p>1. Isolate immediately. All other siblings and/or household members must be isolated as well.</p> <p>2. Refer to local physician. Local physician will determine if symptoms are due to “other” related illnesses or if a COVID-19 test is warranted.</p> <p>3. Although no tests are perfect, we must trust a negative result.</p> <p>4. Must have a negative test result, a Doctor’s order, or Isolate for <b>minimum of 10 days</b> and <b>then</b> be fever and symptomatic free for 24 hours without the use of any fever-reducing medications.</p>	<p>1. We are using the positivity rate in McDonough County in comparison to the Open Illinois Phase Plan as well as three other criteria also used by the Illinois Department of Public Health: hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness, hospital capacity, and significant outbreaks in the region.</p> <p>2. This information will be used to inform our decisions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 using additional precautionary measures or to close schools. The same information will be used in reverse to make reopening plans. The following page gives additional details concerning the matrix.</p>

NOTE: Parents – Do not send your child to school if they are experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms. Employees / Students – Do not come to school if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Current known symptoms include:

Fever > 100.4 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 and Diarrhea.

## Matrix Details for Opening/Closing Schools

### 1. What will cause us to become more restrictive?

- Sustained increase in 7-day rolling average (7 out of 10 days) in the positivity rate

#### AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Sustained 7-day increase in hospital admissions for a COVID-19 like illness
- Reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities (ICU capacity or medical/surgical beds under 20%)

#### Or

- Three consecutive days averaging greater than or equal to 8% positivity rate (7-day rolling)

### 2. What will cause us to consider closing school and enter an online only option?

IDPH is closely monitoring data and receiving on-the-ground feedback from local health departments and regional healthcare councils and will recommend moving back to the previous phase based on the following factors:

- Sustained rise in positivity rate beyond number one above.
- Sustained increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness beyond number one above.
- Reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities above number one above.
- Significant outbreak in the region that threatens the health of the region.

#### Other Factors

- Mandated closure by the Governor of the State of Illinois or other State Agency.
- Mandated closure by local Board majority vote.

NOTE: The COVID-19 Protocols listed may be changed without notice as new information becomes available.