

## **COVID-19 SCREENING FAQ**

### **Will students be screened for COVID-19 symptoms?**

Parents/guardians should perform a daily health evaluation before sending students to school. If a student is exhibiting a fever, cough, chills, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, a new loss of taste or smell or any of the primary COVID-19 symptoms, the student must stay home.

A staff member will do another visual check as students arrive at school, as well as asking students how they are feeling.

### **What happens if a student exhibits COVID-19 symptoms at school?**

If a student exhibits or complains of any COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, chills, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, a new loss of taste or smell), an adult will accompany the student to the school health room. A designated staff member will then take the student's temperature. If, and only if, a staff member has permission from a parent/guardian, the student will be given a diagnostic, self-administered Abbot BinaxNOW COVID-19 test. This test is a non-invasive nasal swab.

If the COVID-19 test is positive, a parent/guardian will be called to pick up the student (ASAP), and the student will need to isolate for 5 days — even if a future test indicates that the student is COVID-negative, per Lane County Public Health Department. Either the District nurse or LCPH (or both) will be in contact.

If the COVID-19 test is negative, a parent/guardian will still be called to pick up the student. The student would not be required to quarantine if there were no known COVID contacts and instead, would follow the guidelines regarding symptoms rules to return to school.

If the student is not tested at school, a parent/guardian will be called to pick up the student. The student would then follow the [Too Sick for School - Keep Students Out of School guidance](#) to return to school. The above applies to both vaccinated and unvaccinated students.

### **What happens if a student exhibits non-COVID 19 symptoms (e.g. runny nose)?**

The student would follow the Too Sick for School - Keep Students Out of School guidance. Any absence would be handled in the traditional way.

### **What happens if a staff member exhibits COVID-19 symptoms at work?**

The employee should notify a supervisor. The supervisor will notify the District Nurse. A rapid test will be provided if desired. The employee will be instructed to leave work and encouraged to see a health care provider for evaluation.