



Oceanside Collegiate Academy

Return to School Policies and Procedures: Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

With input from the South Carolina Department of Education, Accelerate ED Task Force and DHEC, Oceanside Collegiate Academy will implement the following below response to known cases of COVID-19 on our campus.

As a school community, each of us needs to demonstrate personal responsibility with regard to our health. **Please, do not send your child to school if they are not feeling well.** The communication between our home-school partnership is more important than ever right now and we all need to work together to ensure a safe and long-term return to school.

Students or staff exhibiting the following symptoms should [stay home](#):

Any one (1) of the following:

- Fever – or-
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing -or -
- Loss of taste or smell -or –

Any two (2) of the following:

- Sore throat – and/or -
- Muscle aches – and/or -
- Chills – and/or -
- New or worsening cough

Generally speaking, any student with any one of these symptoms should **not** come to school unless these symptoms are explainable by an underlying condition (such as shortness of breath or cough for an individual with asthma).

Oceanside will have a dedicated “health room” to evaluate students or staff with any of the above symptoms who are identified during the day. For example- J does not feel well during English and asks to come to the main lobby to call home. In the main lobby J will be moved safely and respectfully to the “health room” while parents/guardians are contacted.

Return to School

Students who are evaluated and leave campus due to exhibiting any one of the above symptoms, **may not** return to school until they have either a) test negative for COVID-19 or b) a medical evaluation determines that symptoms were due to another cause (e.g. sore throat due to strep throat).

Students must provide medical documentation prior to returning to school.



If a student chooses not to test for COVID-19 or see a medical professional after exhibiting symptoms- individuals may only return to school if they complete the current isolation criteria:

- Ten (10) days have passed since date of positive test result - **and** –
- Three (3) days (72 hours) have passed since last fever without taking medicine to reduce fever - **and** -
- Overall improvement in symptoms.
- If a student tests positive by a PCR test (nose and throat swab) but does not have symptoms, he/she will be required to stay home until ten (10) days after the specimen was collected.

Cases in the Classroom

“Close” classroom contacts to a known COVID-19 case will be determined through a case investigation process and is situation dependent.

- If students are not considered a “close contact”, but were in the same classroom- please monitor for symptoms for 14 days.
- Oceanside will contact parents/guardians if your student was determined to be a “close contact”.
- The classroom(s) will be closed for cleaning & disinfection before being used again.

Quarantine

Some students may have been told they were a “close” contact to a case of COVID-19 and have to complete a quarantine period. This means they will be required to stay home so they do not risk exposing others to COVID-19 if they become sick. For students, a parents’ note that they have been cleared from quarantine may be used to allow a return to school.

- “Close” contact: If the student has been determined to be a “close” contact of the positive case, or live in the same household as someone who has tested positive, they will have to quarantine for 14 days to the infected person.
- Other household members in quarantine: If the student lives in the same household as someone in quarantine (who has not tested positive) - they will not necessarily need to quarantine themselves unless the household member in quarantine is then determined to be a COVID-19 case. DHEC will notify those who are required to complete quarantine.