

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Forest Lake Education Center

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Source: Health Department of Seminole County

EPIDEMIOLOGY PROGRAM & FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

- COVID-19 is a reportable disease to the Florida Department of Health to conduct epidemiological investigations per 381.0031 F.S.
- For disease reporting purposes, DOH is exempt from HIPAA, so schools can provide protected health information that is shared with them by faculty, staff, or parents.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND MANAGING SICK INDIVIDUALS

Managing Staff and Students Who Become Sick at School

- Isolate away from others
- Maintain updated seating charts and attendance records
- Communicate with parent / guardians
- Communicate with COVID-19 liaison / school nurse and Epi team

Reporting to DOH

- Illness Log
- Contact tracing
- Quarantine and isolation protocols

PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- Physical distancing of 6 feet when feasible
- Ventilation in classrooms
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Staying home when sick
- Cleaning and disinfecting
- Contact tracing (In combination with isolation and quarantine)

CONTACT TRACING

Close Contact

Someone who was within 6 feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. An infected person can spread SARS-CoV-2 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date.

Isolation

Used to separate people infected with COVID-19 from those who are not infected. People who are in isolation should stay home until it's safe for them to be around others. At home, anyone sick or infected should separate from others, stay in a specific "sick room" or area, and use a separate bathroom (if available). Stay home for at least 7 days or until symptoms resolve.

QUARANTINE

Quarantine

Used to separate close contacts who were exposed to COVID-19 and may develop illness away from other people.

Time Base Strategy

Quarantine for seven (7) full days after your last date of exposure to someone with COVID-19. Negative test not required to return to school.

PERSONS EXEMPT FROM QUARANTINE

- Persons who are fully vaccinated (Proof of vaccination required)
- Exposed 14 days or more after their second dose in a 2-dose series
- Exposed 14 days or more after a single-dose vaccine
- People who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within 90 days of exposure.
- Individuals with antibodies are not exempt from quarantine.

FACE COVERINGS IN FLEC BUILDINGS

- Optional but encouraged for all **students**
- Required for staff, parents, visitors, and vendors while inside FLEC buildings