



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 symptoms started - **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 since last exposure 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.