

Pasco County Schools Student Self-Screener

The Pasco County School District expects that all parents/guardians will complete this pre-entry screening tool daily on behalf of their child before the child attends school.

- 1. Does the student have new or worsening onset of any of the following symptoms?** Fever (greater than 100.4°), sore throat, new uncontrolled cough, that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/ asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline); diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain; and new onset of severe headache, especially with a fever. Other symptoms listed by the CDC include chills, fatigue/muscle or body ache, new loss of taste or smell, and congestion or runny nose.

YES ___ NO ___

If yes, the student cannot come on campus and is required to stay home for at least ten days since symptoms first appeared, AND at least 24 hours since your last fever (without taking medication to reduce fever) AND have improvement in other symptoms (cough, shortness of breath). Students may be permitted to return sooner with a written clearance to return to school from their treating physician or receipt of a negative COVID-19 test after presenting symptoms.

- 2. Within the past two weeks, has the student had prolonged AND close contact (closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and is still under a required isolation by the Pasco County Department of Health?**

YES ___ NO ___

If yes, the student cannot come on campus and is required to quarantine as advised by the Pasco County Department of Health. Regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result, students in this category must remain in quarantine for the full 14-day period required by the Department of Health.

- 3. Has the student recently tested positive for COVID-19?**

YES ___ NO ___

If yes, the student cannot come on campus and is required to:

- *stay home for 10 days from the date of positive test was administered.*
- **OR** *stay home for at least ten days since symptoms first appeared,*
 - *AND be fever free for at least 24 hours (without taking medication to reduce fever)*
 - *AND have improvement in other symptoms (cough, shortness of breath).*

If you answer YES to any of these questions, your child needs to remain at home and cannot attend school on campus. Please contact your medical provider for further guidance. You can access the CDC coronavirus self-checker at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/testing.html>

*Please note that Executive order 20-139 encourages anyone with a **significant underlying medical condition** (moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immunocompromised status, cancer, diabetes, severe obesity, renal failure and liver disease) to take measures to limit their exposure to COVID-19.*

The novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, is an extremely contagious virus, which can cause serious medical conditions, including death. COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, and as a result, federal, state, and local governments along with federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in some circumstances, limited the congregation of people. The District School Board of Pasco County (DSBPC or District) has initiated reasonable, precautionary measures in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, given the extremely contagious nature of COVID-19, the DSBPC cannot guarantee that your child(ren) will not contract the virus while attending or engaging in school-related and/or extracurricular activities. To reduce the risk of exposure, the District has provided parents and guardians with several virtual educational options outside of the traditional brick and mortar classrooms, which include Pasco eSchool and mySchool Online. We look forward to educating your child(ren) and we appreciate your cooperation and efforts as we all work together to keep our students, children, and society healthy.

This is a rapidly evolving situation. This information is current as of August 17, 2020.