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Southwest Academy In-Person Learning FAQ (as of 1/5/22)

My child tested positive for COVID. How do I report this information to Southwest Academy?

Parents/Guardians should email Nurse Price **AND** the grade level administrator to inform them of a positive COVID test result. Please include your child's name in the email.

Nurse Price (jprice4@bcps.org)

Grade 6- Anne Hammel (ahammel@bcps.org)

Grade 7- Teddy Welzant (twelzant@bcps.org)

Grade 8- Angela Booze (abooze@bcps.org)

We will use this information for two purposes – to keep health metrics of students and to initiate alternative learning plans and free afterschool virtual tutoring.

I have concerns about sending my child back to school. What are my options?

BCPS is committed to in-person instruction and SWA continues to implement mitigation measures including, but not limited to, social distancing to the maximum extent possible, universal masking, testing symptomatic staff and students, and using ventilation systems throughout the building. **Virtual and hybrid instruction are not currently available.**

When should I keep my child home?

You should always err on the side of caution and keep your child home when they are sick.

Each morning, please assess your children for the following symptoms:

Fever 100 F or higher, sore throat, new onset of a cough, severe headache, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea or vomiting.

What is the protocol if someone in the home is diagnosed with COVID?

If your child is not fully vaccinated, **they must quarantine a minimum of 10 days if someone in the household tests positive for COVID.** If there is ongoing exposure in the home, the quarantine period begins after the last person tests positive.

If your child is fully vaccinated, **they do not have to quarantine; however, you should monitor for symptoms.** If symptoms present testing is recommended.

My child is out of school because they are sick. Is this absence excused?

Yes, please contact the school nurse and your child's absence will be documented as a medically excused absence.