

Positive test or COVID-like illness protocols

Plan for if a student/staff shows signs of COVID (*YC is not diagnosing*):

- a. Immediately isolate the student/staff and monitor symptoms; staff member monitoring must wear the appropriate PPE. The staff attending to the care of the sick individual will wear a surgical mask, gloves and eye protection.
- b. Use the COVID-19 Questionnaire and take the student's/staff's temperature.
- c. Isolate any area(s) that the student was in for longer than 15 minutes and prepare the area for cleaning/disinfecting according to CDC guidelines. The class will move outside or to an open classroom while the other site is closed for a period of time to allow for thorough cleaning/disinfecting.
- d. Call the student's parents/guardians (**refer to the emergency contacts in binder located in the Nurse's office and in RenWeb**) to have them pick up the student (as soon as possible, ideally within 1 hour) and, depending on the severity of symptoms, parent determines whether to take him/her home, to the doctor, or the hospital. Send employee home or arrange for transportation if needed.
- e. **Call 911 if the individual is exhibiting any serious symptoms, including difficulty getting enough air, change in alertness or responsiveness, bluish lips or face.**
- f. Student/staff may not return to school until he/she is fever-free for 24 hours for non-COVID illnesses, without the aid of medication; if diagnosed with COVID, he/she may not return until all four criteria are met:
 - i. -24 hours with no fever and
 - ii. -Symptoms improved and
 - iii. -10 days since symptoms first appeared
 - iv. -Check-in immediately upon entry of the campus for a return-to-school interview with the nurse or administrator

- g. Yuma Catholic will follow CDC guidelines, notify Yuma County Health Department (928)344-2000 with any COVID-positive cases, utilize the COVID-19 Matrix and follow the ADHS [Release from Isolation](#) flowchart.
- h. In any cases of symptoms or COVID-positive cases, school staff are alerted to what areas of campus are closed until cleaning/disinfecting is completed.
- i. Yuma County recommendation is to err on the side of caution. All household members of someone confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 should not physically attend school and should quarantine at home for 14 days.
- j. Release from isolation does not require a provider's note and does not require repeat testing or a negative test.