



Voorhees Township School District
Guidelines for Temporary Remote Instruction for Students Related to
COVID-19 and Frequently Asked Questions

Currently, there is not an option for full-time virtual school for students. When a child is absent from school, parents and students should follow the District attendance policy. However, the District recognizes that COVID-19 exposure could result in extended absences, and virtual instruction may be needed under those circumstances.

For the purposes of these guidelines, and according to New Jersey Department of Health recommendations, “symptoms of COVID-19” means:

- At least two of the following symptoms: fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestions, or runny nose; OR
- At least one of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of smell and/or taste.
- For students with chronic illness, only new symptoms or symptoms worse than baseline should be used to fulfill symptom-based exclusion criteria.

To help provide the best possible experience for **ALL** our students, we ask each member of our community to follow the procedures below. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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1. If a student is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, they are not come to school and should access their assignments on Google Classroom and/or by notifying their child's teacher via email. The school nurse should be contacted to report the student absent as well as any specific symptoms they are experiencing.
2. If a student is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 for two consecutive days, parent/guardian should notify their child's teacher(s) on the 2nd day, and if they can participate in remote learning, log into the classroom using Google Meet.
3. The student displaying symptoms of COVID-19 should be tested for COVID-19 and parents should contact the school nurse with Covid-19 test results and further instructions on when they can return to school.
4. If a student is considered a close contact of an individual diagnosed with COVID-19 and is required to quarantine, the child should log into their classroom using Google Meet for the entire quarantine period. Please contact your child's teacher(s) should you need assistance.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Q:** Under what circumstances will my child be able to participate in virtual/remote learning on Day #1?
A: If your child tests positive for COVID-19 or is instructed to quarantine due to close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you are eligible to utilize remote learning via Google Meet starting on Day #1.
2. **Q:** Can my child participate in remote/virtual learning temporarily, overslept, missed their school bus, orthodontist appointment, extended vacation, allergies, etc.?
A: No, the NJDOE regulations reserves remote/virtual learning for COVID related health issues only.

3. **Q:** If my child has COVID like symptoms and I am unsure if they are positive, can they participate in remote/virtual learning Day #1?
A: No, in these instances we ask that you give the school and the teacher(s) 24 **school-hrs** notice to prepare (**school hours do not include weekends or holidays**). Under these circumstances, please get in touch with the school nurse and your child's teacher(s) to get instructions on making up missed work for day #1. If your child continues to display COVID like symptoms after day #1, they will be eligible to utilize virtual/remote learning via Google Meets on Day #2.
4. **Q:** If my child participates in virtual instruction due to COVID like symptoms, do I need to present a negative test result before they can return to school?
A: Yes, students that utilized virtual instruction because they presented COVID like symptoms will need to present a negative test result to the school nurse prior to returning to school.
5. **Q:** What are the hours of virtual/remote instruction ?
A: Your child will have a full day of instruction and will follow their regular school day schedule. **Our staff will do their very best to accommodate students that must attend virtually. However, please understand that there will be a number of in-person students in the classroom also needing the teacher's attention.**
6. **Q:** How long does my child need to be isolated if they test positive?
A: Students who test positive will need to be isolated for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or the positive test result. Please contact the school nurse for isolation procedures.
7. **Q:** How long does my child need to be quarantined if they come in close contact with someone who is positive?
A: Students who have come in close contact with someone who tested positive will need to quarantine based on the current county levels of COVID risk at that time. Please contact the school nurse for the current guidelines, as they may change weekly.

A general guide is 14 days for “High” risk or 10 days with the option to test out on or after day 5 with a negative test for “Moderate” and “Low” risk levels.

The goal of the Voorhees Township School District is to safely return all of our students to five full days of in-person instruction. We want to thank our staff, students, and parents in advance for their continued support and cooperation.

Additional recommendations and guidance can be found at: [Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools | CDC](#)