

Pasco County Schools

Student Self-Screener (Effective August 02, 2021)

The Pasco County School District expects all students (vaccinated and unvaccinated) and/or parents/guardians to complete this pre-entry screening tool daily, on behalf of themselves or their child/student before the student attends school.

1. Does the student have new, or worsening, onset of any of the following symptoms?

- **Fever (greater than 100.4) or chills**
- New uncontrolled cough (if you have established chronic allergy or asthma, a change from your regular cough)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- **Nausea or vomiting**
- **Diarrhea**

YES ___ NO ___

If **NO**, please continue to question no. 2.

If **YES**, the student cannot come on campus and will have to do ONE of following:

- Provide the school documentation of a negative COVID-19 PCR test administered after the onset of symptoms (detects the viral genetic material)
 - While awaiting COVID test results, the student must be kept home until results are available.
 - If test result is **negative**, then student can return to school.
 - If test result is **positive**, the student cannot come on campus and is required to:
 - stay home for 10 days from the date the positive test was administered or stay home for at least ten days since symptoms first appeared (whichever occurred first), **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).
- Present a written clearance to return to school from the student's physician indicating an alternate diagnosis.
 - The student must also be fever free for at least 24 hours (without taking medication to reduce fever) **AND** have improvement in other symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) prior to returning to school.

2. Has the student recently tested positive for COVID-19 or is waiting for test results due to their own illness?

YES ___ NO ___

If **NO**, the student may come to school as planned.

If **YES**, the student waiting for test results must be kept home until results are available.

- If test result is **negative**, then student may return to school as planned.
- If test result is **positive**, the student cannot come on campus and is required to:
 - Notify the school about the positive test documentation in order to receive instructions on next steps for instructional continuity.
 - Stay home for 10 days from the date the positive test was administered or stay home for at least ten days since symptoms first appeared (whichever occurred first) **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).

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Considerations for Recent Vaccine Recipients

If the student has received a COVID vaccination in the last 24-72 hours, special consideration should be taken for the following mild to moderate symptoms:

- Fatigue
- Fever
- Chills
- Body aches
- Headache
- Pain at injection site

These symptoms are common 24-72 hours after vaccinations. This will NOT require 10-day isolation. If your child experiences severe symptoms such as: shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell, symptoms listed as anaphylaxis reaction, please contact your medical provider for further recommendations.

Considerations for Fully Vaccinated Recipients

The purpose of the screener is to help families determine if the student is well enough to engage in learning at the school building.

- Students that are fully vaccinated have protection against the virus but are not immune to it.
- Vaccinated students experiencing COVID-like symptoms described previously or answering “YES” to either of the screener questions will follow their school’s normal sick protocol. If the student remains sick and symptomatic, he or she may need to be excluded from school until the appropriate return condition listed in the screener is met.
- Being fully vaccinated will allow students to avoid a quarantine order when close exposure to a positive case is confirmed as long as they are not experiencing COVID-like symptoms. For some vaccinated students experiencing these symptoms, vaccination status may not prevent an exclusion and a negative test or doctor’s diagnosis for alternate explanation of symptoms may need to be presented in order to return to school.

The District School Board of Pasco County (DSBPC or District) has created 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 a virtual educational option outside of the traditional brick and mortar classrooms, which include Pasco eSchool. 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.