

WSB Illness Guidelines for 2022-23

In the event of illness, please contact Reception at 410-367-6808, ex. 200 or reception@twsb.org to notify the school that your child will be absent and for guidance on your child's return to school.

ILLNESS (General)

- Any child who is displaying signs and/or symptoms of a contagious or infectious condition must stay/go home.
- Any child with a fever over 100° F, vomiting, or diarrhea must stay/go home. Children must be fever-free with no fever reducing medication for 24 hours before returning to school.
- If a child is not well enough to participate in usual class activities, such as playing outdoors, they should be kept home.
- If a child becomes ill while at school, the office will contact the parent to collect the child to return home.
- If a child is absent due to any illness for more than five consecutive days, the City Health Department requires that parents provide a physician's note upon the child's return to school. The child will not be allowed to return to school without this note.

COVID

If your child has covid-like symptoms, has had a close contact exposure or tests positive for covid, please contact Reception at 410-367-6808, ex. 200 or reception@twsb.org for guidance.

Per the CDC, MDH and BCHD guidelines, you will be asked to take the following steps:

- **Covid-like symptoms (with exceptions for documented existing health conditions):**

An individual with covid-like symptoms must

1. stay/go home,
2. be tested (home rapid test) for covid and
3. have a follow-up test (home rapid test) 24 hours later

They may return to school if both tests are negative and symptoms have significantly improved (including fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication).

In order to keep our community healthy, even if your child does not have covid, please keep them home if they are sick (see illness guidelines above)

- **Close Contact Exposure:**

An individual who has had a close contact exposure to a person with covid may come to school as long as they

1. wear a well-fitting, good quality mask for 10 days after the last exposure,
2. have no covid-like symptoms and
3. are tested (home rapid test) with a negative result on/around Day 5 after exposure.

The masking and testing timeline may vary for a household/ongoing exposure.

- **Positive Covid Test:**

An individual with a positive covid test must stay home for the 5 days after a positive test or start of symptoms, whichever was first. Day 1 is the first full day after the positive test or start of symptoms. They may return to school wearing a well-fitting good quality mask for Days 6-10.