



## COVID-19 Related Symptoms – Student Exclusion Notification

South Carolina law requires schools to take measures to prevent the spread of disease in school and childcare populations by limiting the attendance of students and staff with contagious or infectious diseases at school and school activities.

Your child is being excluded from school/childcare because they are exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms, per the DHEC School and Child Care Exclusion List.

**In order to return, your child needs to meet certain criteria as outlined by DHEC. Those criteria are as follows:**

- A negative COVID-19 test must be obtained -or-
- A healthcare provider must clear the student to return to school and provide a document stating their return date -or-
- They must meet the following criteria for return:
  - 5 days since symptoms started **-and-**
  - 24 hours since the last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication **-and-**
  - Symptoms have improved significantly

Please contact your child’s healthcare provider to consider getting them tested for COVID-19. If they do not have a healthcare provider, utilize one of the resources below to access testing:

- Dorchester District Two COVID19 Testing Site – information available on District website
- Roper St Francis Virtual Care – free consultation using code COVID19
- MUSC Health Virtual Urgent Care – free consultation using code COVID19
- Doctors Care – telemedicine drive-thru available via app
- Additional resources are available on the DHEC website

If your child is tested for COVID-19 due to symptoms and tests negative, they can return to school once their symptoms have resolved. If your child’s healthcare provider provides an alternative diagnosis for their symptoms, they will need to meet criteria for return for that diagnosis.

If your child is tested for COVID-19 and tests positive, they are unable to return to school until they meet the criteria for return as outlined above and per the guidance of their healthcare provider/DHEC.

**Parents/guardians should notify the School Nurse of positive or negative results immediately.** If you are calling after hours to report your child’s test results, please leave a message with your child’s name and date of birth.

### After-hours reporting of COVID19 situations:

COVID19 Reporting Form (available on the District website or with this QR code)



School Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_