

Guide for Responding to Coronavirus Infection

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The following is a guide for how schools are to respond to a case of Coronavirus or someone who has come in close contact with an infected person. It is a summary of the guidelines previously released in January this year.

(In the event that your child or a member of your household becomes infected or comes into close contact with an infected person, you must notify your school.)

※If your child or other family member has been infected or has come into close contact with an infected person you must contact your school.

Infection confirmed School notified	If you receive a notification from your health care center confirming a Coronavirus infection <u>you must contact your school as soon as possible.</u>
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Suspension of Attendance

In the case of a student or staff member becoming infected or coming into close contact with an infected person, he or she will be instructed by their physician to recover at home. The school will respond by suspending their attendance temporarily.

※Time frame for suspension of attendance:

- For someone infected with Coronavirus the time frame will be determined by their physician.
- If someone comes in close contact with an infected person the time frame will be determined by their health care provider (typically lasts two weeks after the contact occurred.)

※If you or someone in your household has a fever or other symptoms and have not come into close contact with an infected person:

- Do not go to work or school until all symptoms have completely cleared up.
- If you are concerned about the risk of infection, you may make a request for attendance to be temporarily suspended.

Temporary School Closing, Closing by Grade Level

If a student or staff member is infected, the health department will conduct an epidemiological survey. (During the State of Emergency, health care centers may be unable to respond quickly. In that event the school may assist with some orders of business.)The survey will track the places where the infected person travelled and people he or she may have come into close contact with.

«Temporary School Closing»

«School Remains Open»

After discussing with the school nurse, if it is determined that the risk of infection is high or if there has been an infected person, there will be a temporary school closing, a suspension of a class, or a suspension of a grade level until an epidemiological study can be completed.

※During the school closing period, if there is no evidence of the spread of infection and the risk of infection is determined to be low, classes may be resumed.

• If it is determined that the number of people who came into close contact with an infected person is low, or if no one has come into close contact, the school will remain open.

※School may be temporarily closed for an epidemiological survey and sanitizing.

Parents and parent guardians will be notified by mail of the school's response. The name of the infected person(s) will be withheld to protect their privacy.



School Reopens

After it is determined that the infection is no longer spreading and that the risk of infection is low, the school will resume classes.

