

USD 403 COVID Testing and Mitigation Policy-----2022-2023 School Year.

USD 403 will provide take home tests for staff, students and on certain occasions for student's family members if they are suspected of having COVID or exhibiting symptoms and have a USD 403 student living in the household.

If a student or staff member requests a take home test and tests positive, they should report that to Administration. Tests can be obtained by simply requesting them from the District office or administration. If an outbreak occurs in a particular classroom or activity, parents of those students will be notified and given the opportunity to begin testing their own students and monitoring for symptoms.

Staff or students who test positive must test negative twice over a 48-hour period before returning to school or activities and be fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medications.

Masking is always recommended during times of severe illness and USD 403 will provide masks for students or staff if they are requested.

We will no longer contact trace. KDHE has provided the following information and guidelines for parents:

What Are The Symptoms of COVID-19?

People report a wide range of symptoms, from mild to severe. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure, and anyone can have symptoms, regardless of vaccination status. Typical symptoms include, but are not limited to:

- New loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

When to Seek Emergency Medical Attention:

Seek emergency medical care immediately if someone is showing any of these signs, or if any symptoms that are severe or of concern are experienced:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone