



Haldane COVID-19 Protocols Q&A December 2020

What should I do if my child...

***has been in contact with someone who tested positive (including a family member)?**

The contract tracing period for a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 is 48 hours prior to the positive individual's symptom onset. In the absence of symptoms, contact tracing begins 48 hours prior to the positive individual's test date. If your child was in contact with a confirmed positive individual during that window of time, or after their confirmed positive, your child should quarantine for 14 days from the last date of contact. Depending on the place of exposure and timing, you may be notified by a variety of sources, including the Putnam County Department of Health (PCDOH), Haldane, or the individual themselves.

***is in quarantine but their sibling is attending school? Can the student who is in quarantine come to pick-up on the blacktop? Or does a quarantine mean they cannot step on school grounds?**

A quarantine means the individual should remain at home and should, to the extent possible, remain distanced from the other members of the household. No, the quarantining child may not accompany an adult to pick-up or be on school grounds.

***tested positive?**

If you receive notification that your child is a confirmed positive COVID-19 case, we ask that you notify your child's building principal immediately by calling the school during the school day or emailing the principal after hours/on weekends. To speed contact tracing, in some cases, the PCDOH is notifying school districts prior to notifying families. Therefore, it is possible that your initial notification of a positive test may come from Haldane.

If your child tests positive, they will need to isolate for 10 days from the date of symptom onset or the test date, and must be fever-free for 72 hours before returning to school. You will receive more specific instructions from



the PCDOH. Prior to your child returning to school, you must provide Haldane with a copy of the Isolation Release notice from the PCDOH.

***has cold-like symptoms and/or a fever but has not been tested?**

If your child is experiencing the new onset of any symptoms related to COVID-19, we ask that you keep your child at home and consult with your physician as to whether or not a COVID test is recommended.

***tested negative but still has a cough, sore throat, etc? May I send them to school?**

If your child is experiencing an illness that is confirmed to not be COVID-19, we ask that you follow the guidance of your physician and treat the illness as you would any other. If the child's symptoms are potentially contagious, or will interfere with their productive participation in school, we ask that you keep the child at home until they are symptom free.

***has a sibling who has been in contact with someone who tested positive?**

At this time, a "contact of a contact" is not required to quarantine. In this case, the child who was not in direct contact with a positive case may attend school provided they are not experiencing any symptoms of illness.

***is waiting for the results of a COVID test due to a sibling being in contact with a positive case?**

Again, a "contact of a contact" is not required to quarantine. You may choose to keep a child at home while pending the results of a test, but it is not required.

Please refer to the Putnam County Department of Health [Quarantine vs. Isolation chart](#) for more information. The [Can My Child Go To School Today?](#) chart on page 2 of this document is also helpful.



What are the options regarding remote participation in school if or when a child is quarantining or has tested positive? If a child tests positive and is asymptomatic, can that child participate in remote learning?

Students who are quarantining or are isolating but feeling well, may participate in remote learning. Your child's building principal will help you coordinate these logistics.

What if my family is concerned about the rise in Haldane's cases? Can we switch to remote learning, where we are more comfortable? Can families switch in and out based on the high percentages?

You may elect to have your child switch to remote learning at any time. In doing so, you are committing to have your child complete the quarter as an all-remote student. In order to manage in-person capacity and physical distancing, students who are all-remote must remain remote until the start of a new quarter.

Since the middle school and elementary school are in the same building, will a positive COVID case in one school affect the other?

This depends on contact tracing. Haldane conducts thorough contact tracing for each positive case in order to determine the exact individuals, buildings, rooms, and busses that the positive individual may have encountered during the tracing period. Based on shared spaces, it is possible that one school could impact another - this would be determined during contact tracing.

At what point will Haldane simply go remote due to the high amount of cases?

This will depend on a large number of factors, including State and local directives, Department of Health guidance, and school physician guidance, as well as individual cases, contact tracing, and the volume of positive cases. For example, the high school recently entered a period of all-remote learning due to the number of teachers who were required to enter quarantine. In this case, some teachers are teaching from campus, others are teaching from home while quarantining, and all students are participating from home. These decisions may be made on an individual school basis or a campus-wide basis.