



# IRON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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## Health Protocol for Schools 2021-2022 School Year

Purpose: This protocol was developed in collaboration with the Southwest Utah Public Health Department; Iron County School District will plan to implement the following procedures for the 2021-2022 school year regarding the health and safety of our staff and students. Our efforts are centered around three priorities.

1. Healthy students should be in school. Students showing any signs of illness should stay home.
2. When students or staff members test positive for COVID-19, they should not have contact with healthy students and staff and need to stay home and isolate.
3. Parents and families should be notified when their student has been exposed to COVID-19.

### Protocol:

- The Iron County School District will inform all parents that exposure to COVID-19 is possible at any time while students are at school. This information will include the state's website where total positive cases for each school will be reported. Additionally, the information will include what parents should watch for and contact information for where they can get help or answers to questions.
- The Southwest Utah Public Health Department will inform the parents and Iron County School District when a school-age child (18 years or younger) has tested positive for COVID-19.
- The Iron County School District will inform the applicable school about the positive test along with any additional information from the Health Department including the duration of the isolation.
- The student who tested positive will be provided other learning options, but will not be physically in school.
- Students who may have been exposed but have not tested positive will NOT be required to quarantine.

Mask use is NOT required in Iron County Schools. However, anyone wishing to wear a mask will be supported in that decision.

These protocols are the direction we have been given in consultation with the Southwest Utah Public Health Department as of September 2021 and may change at any time.

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This letter is a one-time notification that your child may be exposed to COVID-19 at a school activity, on the bus, or in their classroom at some point during this school year. You can find information regarding the number of positive COVID-19 cases in your child's school on the "Schools" tab of the Utah Department of Health COVID-19 Data website linked here: <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/case-counts/>

We encourage you to visit <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/education> to view the current recommendations by the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) regarding those exposed to COVID-19. These recommendations are for your consideration as you decide what you will do with your child as a result of any possible future exposures.

COVID-19 parent/student exposure notification will follow the "Protocol" listed in the Iron County "**Health Protocol for Schools, 2021-2022 School Year**" document which accompanies this letter.

In the event your child is exposed to COVID-19, if you choose to have your student self-quarantine, please contact your student's school and they will assist you in determining other learning options for the duration of the quarantine.

This letter DOES NOT mean that your child is required to quarantine merely because of a COVID-19 exposure event. However, regardless of what you decide to do, we encourage the following as a minimum:

**If your child is sick**, we ask that you keep your child home. You may want to consider a COVID-19 test. Those students with a positive COVID-19 test must stay home for 10 days following the positive test and until their symptoms have resolved for 24 hours or until otherwise directed by the Southwest Utah Public Health Department.

**If your child is not sick**, you should monitor them for the symptoms of COVID-19 listed below. If your child develops symptoms, you should keep them home and consider a COVID-19 test.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Fever of 100.4 or greater</li><li>● Chills</li><li>● Cough</li><li>● Shortness of Breath or trouble breathing</li><li>● Sore throat</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Muscle aches and pain</li><li>● New loss of taste or smell</li><li>● Congestion or runny nose</li><li>● Fatigue</li><li>● Nausea or Vomiting</li><li>● Diarrhea</li></ul>
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If you have questions or concerns regarding an exposure, please contact the Southwest Utah Public Health Department at (435) 986-2573 for more information.