

COVID/Upper Respiratory Protocol

The students served at and by the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired come from school corporations across the state of Indiana which may have local and regional outbreaks of illnesses and/or infections. Many of the students have additional handicapping conditions which may include compromised immune systems, potentially putting them in jeopardy when exposed to upper respiratory infections including, but not limited to, COVID. As a result of the statewide demographics of the students served and the potential for many students to be negatively impacted by respiratory illness exposure, it is the protocol of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired for students, faculty and staff to remain home from the school when suffering from an upper respiratory infection until they are symptom free and fever free for a period of twenty-four (24) hours without the use of medications, prescribed or over the counter, to reduce fever. It is encouraged that upon returning to the school, the individual wear a mask for a period of five days to decrease the spread of the illness, unless unable to do so due to physical, emotional or psychological reasons.

If the student, faculty or staff member tested positive for COVID, it is required for the individual to stay at home a minimum of three days and not return to the school until they are symptom free and fever free for a period of twenty-four (24) hours without the use of medications, prescribed or over the counter, to reduce fever. It is also encouraged for the individual to wear a mask for a period of five days upon returning to school/work to potentially decrease the spread of the illness, unless unable to do so due to physical, emotional or psychological reasons.