



THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400

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Dear Thorp families and staff,

The Washington Department of Health (DOH) has published updated guidelines addressing how K-12 schools manage COVID-19. You are invited to read the guidelines here:

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/821-165-K12SchoolsChildCare.pdf>

Requirements for Thorp School District, according to Washington DOH include:

- Completed vaccination or medical/religious exemption required for all Thorp School District staff.
- Isolation of individuals with COVID-19 symptoms (Individual stays home).
 - Symptomatic individuals must follow the flowchart provided by DOH:
<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/820-229-SymptomExposureFlowchartK12SchoolsChildCare.pdf>
 - Symptomatic individuals must isolate or test (at school or at home) per flowchart guidance, regardless of vaccination status.
 - Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 are required to isolate at home regardless of vaccination status. The individual may return to school after 5 full days of isolation if their symptoms have improved or they are asymptomatic, AND they are without a fever for the past 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medications.
 - For Covid-19 positive individuals, masks are required for day 6-10 unless the individual has a negative COVID test (at school or at home) on day 6-10.
 - Masks are required for all children, staff, and visitors aged 2 years and older in the nurse/health room and in the isolation room as these are considered health care settings.
- Thorp School District will notify immunocompromised, and at-risk staff and students if exposure is identified. This communication will continue through the Covid-19 case update on Thorp School District's website.
- Thorp School District will notify staff and students/families if an outbreak is identified. This communication will continue through the Covid-19 case update on Thorp School District's website.
- COVID-19 testing will be offered for students, staff, and families. Positive COVID-19 tests will be reported to local and state health departments per their requirements.
- Student and staff outbreaks must be reported to the appropriate entities, such as the Kittitas Public Health Department.
- Thorp School District will take direction from the Kittitas County Health Department and Washington DOH in case of Covid-19 variants or outbreaks.

Home tests are available for staff and families free of charge. Please feel welcome to pick up your tests at the front desk.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Thorp School District nurses at Nurse@ThorpSchools.org.

Andrew M. Perkins
Superintendent/Principal

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What to do if a Person is Symptomatic



These recommendations are for K-12 schools, child care, and connected extra-curricular activities.

If a person has one or more of these symptoms:

- Fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$) or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Cough (new, changed, or worsening)



They should isolate at home AND get tested for COVID-19

- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Sore throat



They should isolate at home

Was **only ONE** symptom present?

NO

YES

Did the symptom resolve within 24 hours **OR** are they consistent with a diagnosed chronic illness?

NO

YES

If they do not receive an alternative named diagnosis from a health care provider **OR** do not get tested



They test **POSITIVE** for COVID-19



They test **NEGATIVE** for COVID-19 **OR** receive an alternative named diagnosis from a health care provider plus a negative test

Isolate at home

They can return to school, child care, and activities after five days have passed since symptoms first appeared if:

1. No fever within the past 24 hours (without medication) **AND**
2. Symptoms have significantly improved **AND**
3. Wear a mask around others days 6–10 **OR** test negative with an antigen test to return without a mask

If they cannot wear a mask and do not test negative after day five, they must continue isolating through day 10.

Return to school, child care, and activities if:

1. No fever within the past 24 hours (without medication)
- AND**
2. Symptoms have significantly improved

What to do if You Receive an Exposure Notification or are Identified as a Close Contact*



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Regardless of vaccination status, the following guidelines are recommended:

- Continue to attend school, child care, and activities.
- Monitor for symptoms for 10 days after exposure.
- Consider wearing a well-fitting mask for 10 days after exposure.
- Consider getting tested three to five days after exposure.

