



# COVID-19 FAQ

**Q: A member of our household has a cough, fever, shortness of breath, chills, or loss of smell or taste. Can my child come to school?**

A: **Do not send your child to school in person** and keep him/her away from the symptomatic household member. Your child can return to school once the household member receives a negative result for COVID-19 or is provided an alternative diagnosis that explains their symptoms.

**Q: A member of our household is testing for COVID-19 due to symptoms or being in close contact to someone with a positive result. Can my child come to school?**

A: Yes, unless you feel there is a risk of exposure or infection.

**Q: My child participates in a group activity outside of school and someone there tested positive for COVID-19. I don't know if my child is a close contact. Can I send my child to school?**

A: Participation in group activities (such as sports), especially indoors, increases the risk of being exposed to COVID-19. When in doubt, it is always best to err on the side of safety and **keep your child home from school until you know whether or not they are a close contact and need to quarantine. The choices your family makes outside of school impacts other students and school staff members in the building.**

**Q: Our family has recently traveled/has plans to travel. When can I send my child to school?**

A: Traveling and associating with people outside of your household increases the risk of exposure to COVID-19. We understand that each family can determine for themselves their own level of risk. However, protecting the safety of all students and staff at Immaculata is of utmost importance. The following activities are associated with increased risk:

- Air (especially international), train, or bus travel
- Attending large gatherings
- Going on a cruise
- Visiting theme parks

If you made the choice to engage in higher risk travel activities, we advise testing before returning.

**Q: I just found out that my child is a close contact to someone with COVID-19, but I have not heard from the health department yet. When can my child return to school?**

A: **Please keep your child home and contact Mr. Kurz** to determine quarantine and the return to school date.

**Q: Where can I learn more about COVID-19?**

A: NCDHHS ([covid19.ncdhhs.gov](https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov)) and StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit (<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/media/164/open>)