

North Boone School District Protocol for Minimizing the Spread of COVID-19

In order to minimize the spread of COVID-19 among the students, families, staff, and community North Boone Staff will be following and maintaining the guidelines and recommendations according to the Boone County Health Department (BCHD), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). The guidelines and recommendations change frequently and North Boone Community Unit School District staff has continual communication with the BCHD and frequently monitors updates from all of these entities. Please be aware that revisions and changes to protocols and/or practices will be made to stay current and in compliance. This protocol is a general guideline for North Boone Staff to follow to help keep the school community safe and healthy. Students, staff, and families will be notified as the situation evolves.

Screening

Students, staff, and visitors will be screened prior to entering the building. The screening will include a temperature check and a symptom and travel check. The [CDC Symptom Infographic](#) will be available for use during the screening. Anyone with a temperature of 100 or higher will be excluded. A person might also be excluded based on the responses to the screening questions. They will be asked the following questions:

1. Have you had known exposure to COVID-19?
2. Have you had a fever of 100 or higher?
3. Have you had any signs or symptoms of a fever such as chills or body aches?
4. Have you had any respiratory symptoms such as cough or shortness of breath?
5. Have you had diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal cramping?
6. Any other symptoms such as loss of sense of taste or smell, headaches, or sore throat?
7. Is anyone in your household symptomatic or have a positive or pending COVID-19 test?
8. Have you travelled within Illinois, outside of IL within the US, or outside of the US?

Management of Symptomatic Students and Staff

Symptomatic Students or Staff at School:

If a staff member identifies a student as potentially exhibiting signs or symptoms of illness the following steps will be taken:

- Any student that is symptomatic will be immediately isolated in the designated area in the school building. Each school building has an area that has been chosen as an isolation area that meets the requirements for ventilation, isolation from well students and staff, and space for proper distancing that will be utilized only for ill students.
- The student will be assessed by the school nurse for signs and symptoms.
- The parents/guardians will be contacted and the student will be picked up as soon as possible and referred for testing.
- Symptomatic staff will be advised to go home and contact his or her healthcare provider and seek testing for COVID-19. A handout of local area testing sites will be provided.
- BCHD will be notified immediately of anyone referred for testing and North Boone Staff will follow their direction for how to proceed.
- Any students or staff exposed due to inability to maintain proper distancing or follow the guidelines will be sent home.

- Additional disinfection of common areas and surfaces will take place as appropriate per [CDC guidelines for disinfection](#).

Symptomatic Students or Staff at Home:

If a parent/guardian calls school to report an absence due to COVID-19 symptoms the following steps should be taken:

- The parent or guardian will be advised to contact their healthcare provider and seek testing for COVID-19. A handout of local area testing sites will be provided.
- Siblings and other household family members will be asked to stay home.
- Boone County Health Department will be notified immediately and North Boone staff will follow the direction of BCHD to minimize the spread.

If a staff member calls school to report an absence due to COVID-19 symptoms they will be advised to contact their healthcare provider and seek testing for COVID-19.

- The staff member will be advised to go home contact their healthcare provider/ seek testing for COVID-19. A handout of local area testing sites will be provided.
- Family members and other household contacts within the school district will be asked to stay home.
- Boone County Health Department will be notified immediately and North Boone staff will follow the direction of BCHD to minimize the spread.

Positive COVID-19 Test Result Reported to North Boone Staff:

If a parent/guardian, staff, or other person such as a healthcare provider reports positive COVID-19 test result to school staff, North Boone staff will immediately report this information to the school nurse and to the Boone County Health Department.

- The School Nurse and Staff will work closely with and follow the direction of BCHD to minimize spread of COVID-19.
- Information will be disseminated to all potential exposed families and staff via letter, school messenger, and/or a joint press release with Boone County Health Department and North Boone Community Unit School District 200.
- North Boone Staff will provide any assistance to the BCHD so that contact tracing can be conducted.
- Students and staff exposed due to inability to maintain distancing will be quarantined for the recommended time period per the guidance of BCHD, IDPH and the CDC. They will be advised to self-monitor symptoms and to contact their healthcare provider and seek testing if they develop symptoms.
- Students, staff, and parents/guardians will be notified of a possible or confirmed exposure as appropriate.
- Students/staff being tested for COVID-19 will be excluded from school until test results are available.
- A positive case within the schools does not necessarily constitute complete school closure. Each situation will be clinically evaluated and addressed by North Boone School District in consultation with the Boone County Health Department.

Disinfection

North Boone Community Unit School District will follow the [CDC's guidelines](#) for cleaning and disinfection of the facilities and for training staff. This guidance includes daily cleaning and disinfection, disinfection if someone is ill, and information for employers for training of staff.

Please see the CDC Factsheet here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility-H.pdf>