

USD 403 COVID Testing and Mitigation Policy

USD 403 will provide testing for an student, staff or family member of a USD #403 students by request. The district is able to provide testing at either the Elementary or JR/SR High School buildings for COVID 19, Influenza A and Influenza B. This is a single test that can identify any and all of these illnesses. In addition, the district can provide at-home covid tests to patrons upon request. The district recommends following current protocols for returning to work/school upon confirmation of illness and to follow district protocol for returning your child to school after fever or vomiting.

The district will continue to regularly disinfect surfaces and common spaces with added disinfecting of surfaces during peak cold/flu season or illness outbreaks. Staff will also have access to supplies within their classrooms to disinfect surfaces as needed. New HVAC was installed at the elementary school that allows the introduction of outside air to aid in proper ventilation in classrooms. Air purifiers as well as air quality sensors are also placed strategically throughout the buildings.

Masking is always recommended during times of severe illness and USD 403 will provide masks for students or staff if they are requested.

We will no longer contact trace. KDHE has provided the following information and guidelines for parents:

What Are The Symptoms of COVID-19?

People report a wide range of symptoms, from mild to severe. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure, and anyone can have symptoms, regardless of vaccination status. Typical symptoms include, but are not limited to:

- New loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

When to Seek Emergency Medical Attention:

Seek emergency medical care immediately if someone is showing any of these signs, or if any symptoms that are severe or of concern are experienced:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone