

Agamim Classical Academy Respiratory Illness (COVID-19/Influenza/RSV) Response Plan 2023-24 School Year

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Respiratory infections such as COVID-19, Influenza (and Influenza-like Illnesses), and RSV impact our school due to illness absences of students and staff. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recently (March 1, 2024) [updated their isolation directions](#) for those with COVID-19 to align with other respiratory illnesses.

If your student tests positive for COVID-19, influenza, RSV, OR has symptoms of influenza-like-illness (ILI) or gastrointestinal illness:

- Parents/guardians should report the COVID-19, influenza, ILI, etc., case to their **school attendance line**, just as they would any other illness. (Please state the illness for our tracking purposes.)
- **Students and staff should stay home when they are sick.**
 - They can return when they are fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medications) AND symptoms have improved. (*See below for definition)
 - It is recommended that students and staff wear a mask for 5 days following these illnesses, especially if they will be near people who are susceptible to severe illness.
- Parents/guardians/staff may still consult the School Nurse, Carly Smitkowski, LSN, if they have questions or need advice regarding returning to school. Carly@agamim.org.
- The nurse will not routinely be following up with each case of COVID-19.
- The Minnesota Department of Health has stated that they will continue to make at-home COVID-19 test kits available to schools through the end of this school year, so parents/guardians/staff can still access these by contacting the office.

We will report to MDH when 10% of our students are absent due to [COVID-19](#), [influenza](#), [influenza-like-illness \(ILI\)](#), [RSV](#), or [gastrointestinal illness](#) (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea).

We cannot know how COVID-19 will change in the future. Large outbreaks of COVID-19 or influenza could result in further communication or changes in our communicable diseases plan.

Questions can be directed to Carly Smitkowski LSN, School Nurse Consultant.
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*Symptoms Improved: A person feels well and is able to return to normal activities. Any lingering symptoms such as a cough or runny nose should be mild or infrequent.