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What to do while waiting for COVID-19 Test Results

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Dear Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s):

We are all working together to help stop the spread of COVID-19. COVID-19 is caused by a virus that can spread easily from person to person. If you had your student tested for COVID-19, it can take several days for the test results to come back. The clinic or testing site that did your test will get the results to you. Until you hear back from your testing site continue to practice social distancing, good hygiene, and follow these guidelines while you are waiting for your test results.

If your child was a close contact to a person who has COVID-19:

- Stay home for 14 days after your last contact
- If the child tested negative, he or she will still need to stay home for 14 days
- Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19

If your child is sick or thinks he or she might have COVID-19 the child can be around others after:

- Ten days since symptoms first appeared or 20 days if the child has severe illness, **and**
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving

If your child tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms, isolation and other precautions can be discontinued

- 10 days after the date of their first positive test: Nasal or Throat Swab (RT-PCR) or Antigen test

If your child has no symptoms and is NOT a close contact to a person who has COVID-19:

- a. If the test is negative, the child may resume normal activities of daily living
- b. If the test is positive, the child stays home until:
 - Ten days since symptoms first appeared or 20 days if the child has severe illness, **and**
 - 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
 - Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving

If your child's test is positive or identified as a close contact for COVID-19, a public health worker will call you to check on his or her health. Answer the phone call from the health department. If you have any questions, please call the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County at 305-324-2400. More information about COVID-19 is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website www.cdc.gov/covid19.

Sincerely,

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