



# EUFULA CITY SCHOOLS

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## 2023-24 Return to Instruction Plan

The following guidance is offered based on recommendations from the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). "With the change in trends and now that widespread testing and treatments are available, Alabama can adapt our response for the current stage of the pandemic - moving from crisis response to disease management." As such, students and staff members who have a positive COVID diagnosis should follow the recommendations from their healthcare provider. It is no longer necessary to report COVID positive cases to the school for the state's ADPH portal. When your student returns to school after an infectious illness, please send a doctor's excuse or a parent note. If the absence was related to a positive COVID diagnosis, please indicate that on your parent note.

Please note the following:

- A COVID-19 positive test result will be excused as a "doctor's note" only with documentation of the positive test result from a healthcare provider or test center such as the Barbour County Health Department.
- Staff or students reporting to the school nurse with symptoms of fever 100 degrees or greater, vomiting or diarrhea will be excluded from school and school activities until 24 hours symptom-free without medication to reduce symptoms.
- Masks will remain optional with a limited number of masks available from the school nurse depending on availability.
- All students and employees should practice frequent handwashing to promote good hygiene and mitigate spread of infections.
- Those having signs or symptoms of COVID-19 disease and in need of testing can seek medical care when ill. COVID-19 testing remains available at the county health department.
- Whether you have FLU or COVID-19 with mild symptoms, there are ways you can manage your symptoms at home.
  - Hydrate making sure to drink plenty of liquids, such as water, juice and warm soups to prevent dehydration.
  - Rest and ensure you are getting enough sleep to help your immune system fight off infection.
  - Medicate with any prescribed treatment from your health care provider.
- The parent or guardian may send a handwritten note or email their child has a legitimate reason for being absent so the absence can be excused. Following each absence, the parent must send a written or emailed excuse to specifically explain the reason for the absence within three days of their student's return to school from an illness.
- At 10 absences which have been excused by any means, a letter will be sent informing the parent/guardian that all future absences will require an excuse from a doctor, court, or other means deemed acceptable. (ECS Student Handbook p.5)
- The Superintendent may adjust these procedures in the future as needed.

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