

Policy 6999 REGULATIONS

Supporting students with COVID related quarantines or isolation

The following expectations and guidelines will be in place to support students who must miss school for a Town of Fairfield Health Department directed absence due to a confirmed asymptomatic COVID positive case or close contact quarantine (“COVID Reason”). Our goal is to keep students academically and socially engaged in learning while they are unable to attend school in-person.

Teachers will have 24 hours to put these supports in place from the time they are notified that one of their students has been placed in a Fairfield Health Department directed quarantine or isolation.

K-5 Students absent due to a Health Department directed quarantine or isolation:

- Students will be included daily, through Google Meet, in the classroom morning meeting.
- Units of study for the K-5 curriculum will be created on a monthly basis.
- These units of study will include the core disciplines of language arts and math, as well as social studies, science, and health where applicable.
- The classroom teacher will, within 24 hours of the notification of a student’s absence, communicate to the child and their parents or guardians, as well as the district support instructor assigned to the grade level, expectations for the work to be completed in the units of study being sent home during the course of the student’s expected absence.
- In addition to the units of study, if appropriate, the classroom teacher will send work materials and/or books home for the absent student.
- The support instructor will establish meeting times for the student and communicate those times to the student, their parent or guardian, and the classroom teacher.
- The support instructor will
 - Meet daily with the student, either individually or in grade level groups
 - Provide academic support as needed through Google Meets and email communications
 - Correspond with the classroom teacher as needed
 - Monitor work completion and adjust workloads as needed in consultation with the classroom teacher
- The classroom teacher will be available for Google Meets with the student during before and after school times (wrap-around times) several times during the students absence. These times will be communicated by the classroom teacher to the student and their parent or guardian. The Meet will be in place to provide academic support as well as face-to-face time with the classroom teacher.

6-12 Students absent due to a Health Department directed quarantine or isolation:

- Teachers will post relevant lesson materials and assignments in the class online Google classroom.
- Teachers will be available via their school .net email account to correspond with students and answer questions.
- For students who are out on a Health Department directed quarantine or isolation, teachers will choose at least one of the following four options as their primary method to support students. The selected approach will be included in the teachers' classroom policies and procedures so that students and parents know ahead of time how the student will be supported. Options may vary depending on classroom content, instructional approach, or student learning needs
 - The teacher will record their lessons and post them on Google classroom
 - The teacher will flip their classroom and provide lesson videos ahead of class times
 - The teacher will turn on the classroom cameras and provide live instruction. There will not be interaction between the student(s) in quarantine/isolation and the teacher or in-person students during these sessions.
 - Teachers will be available at least once per school day to meet through Google Meets for a period of at least 20 minutes. The purpose of the meeting is to review course content, address student questions, and provide learning supports.
- Students will make up assessments and, where applicable, hands-on activities like science labs, upon return to school.