

Illness Policy

Legacy Traditional School promotes health and wellness in its programming and services and understands that there is a direct correlation between health, school attendance, and student achievement. The purpose of the schools' Illness Policy is to ensure healthy students have access to Legacy's high-quality educational programming while mitigating the risk of exposure to and contraction of illness and disease.

General Illness Policy

Students must be fever-free and in good health to attend school. Criteria and guidelines will be followed to ensure that students who are sick are excluded from in-person attendance at school. Students will be assessed by health services personnel at the school and will be required to be picked up under the following conditions:

- Fever of 100.4 and above
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

For all aforementioned conditions, the student may not return to school until he/she has been symptom-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medications to manage symptoms.

Other conditions will be assessed by the school's health services personnel and may result in the student being required to be picked up from school. The clinical evaluation of health services personnel will serve as the determining factor. These conditions include, but are not limited to:

- Fever of 99.0 - 100.3 (low-grade fever)
- Headache
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Nausea and/or stomach ache without vomiting
- Difficulty breathing
- Congestion
- Runny nose
- Rash
- Other abnormal findings indicating potential illness



Students sent home for these conditions may return to school once the symptoms have resolved, unless otherwise specified in this policy.

Chronic Illness Policy

For students with chronic illnesses, including but not limited to diabetes, asthma, and allergies, Legacy Health Services personnel will work with parents to obtain physician's orders for treatment. An action plan will be developed to understand the presentation of the chronic illness and the steps necessary to support the student's medical needs.

The school will refer students with chronic illnesses to the Section 504 Coordinator for an evaluation to determine if the student qualifies as having a mental/physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. If the student qualifies under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, an accommodation plan will be developed to ensure the student has equal access and equal opportunity to the school's programming and facilities.

A.R.S. 15-346 provides for an attendance exemption and opportunities to continue learning for students with chronic health problems. This is defined as pupils who are unable to attend regular classes for intermittent periods of one or more consecutive days because of illness, disease, accident, or long-term management of a condition, but are not homebound.

The school shall provide provisions for:

- Homework availability to ensure that pupils with chronic health problems have the opportunity to keep up with assignments and avoid losing credit because of their absence from school.
- Flexibility in physical education activity requirements so that pupils with chronic health problems may participate in the regular physical education program to the extent that their health permits.

When a student is unable to physically or mentally attend school, the parent should request a Medical Absence Form from the Health Office. The Medical Absence form must be completed by the licensed health care professional (MD, DO, NP, and PA) that treats the student for the chronic illness. The form should then be returned to the Health Office.

Injury Policy

If a student is injured at school, health services personnel will complete an Accident Report. The nature and severity of the injury will be assessed and basic first aid will be applied. Health services personnel will determine if it is safe for the student to remain at school or if the student needs to be sent home. While the school will not require medical intervention, recommendations may be made for parents to seek medical care from a licensed healthcare provider. In the event of severe injury, health services personnel will contact emergency services and dispatch paramedics to the school to intervene.

When students have wounds, they are required to be covered at all times while at school. Students with wounds that are draining foul-smelling or discolored discharge will be sent home with a recommendation for intervention from a licensed healthcare provider.

COVID-19 Pandemic Policy

SARS-Cov2 is a virus that causes coronavirus disease, called COVID-19. Since March 2020, COVID-19 has been classified as a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. The disease presents with a myriad of symptoms and causes illness on a spectrum from asymptomatic to, ultimately, death. Legacy Traditional Schools' general illness policy will be modified to the following COVID-19 Pandemic Policy until further notice.

Symptomatic Students

Students who have symptoms associated with COVID-19 will be excluded from in-person attendance for 5 calendar days, and may return once symptoms resolve. Alternatively, the student may present a negative COVID-19 test result to rule out COVID-19 disease. Students that test negative for COVID-19 may return to school when symptoms resolve.

The following symptoms are associated with COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches

- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Pending supply availability, health services personnel at the school can conduct a rapid antigen test on the symptomatic student to determine if the student has COVID-19. Testing will only be performed with written and verbal parental consent. Written consent will be attempted to be obtained for all students and is provided at the sole discretion of the parent. With written consent, health services personnel will call parents when a student presents as symptomatic to additionally obtain verbal consent to conduct the antigen testing. Results will be reported to the parent and, as required, the local county health department.

Exposed Students

While mitigation measures are in place to limit contact and the spread of germs, students are at risk of being exposed to COVID-19 at school. If a student is deemed to be in close contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19, exclusion from school may be required.

Required Exclusion from School

Students will be excluded from in-person attendance for 5 days after exposure to an individual who is positive for COVID-19 if the student is experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19. Upon return to school, students will be required to wear a face-covering until 10 days have elapsed since the date of exposure.

Recommended Exclusion from School

The school will recommend that students are excluded from in-person attendance for 5 days after exposure to an individual who is positive for COVID-19 if the student is asymptomatic after exposure. Parents may opt to send their child to school. Parents will be encouraged to administer a COVID-19 test to their child after exposure if they intend to send them to school. Students who develop symptoms will be sent home. Students attending school after exposure will be required to wear a face-covering until 10 days have elapsed since the date of exposure.

COVID-Positive Students



Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be excluded from in-person attendance for a minimum of 5 days from the date of the positive test, regardless of disease severity. If symptoms have resolved, the student may resume in-person attendance 6 days after testing positive for COVID-19. Upon return from school, the student will be required to wear an appropriately-fitted face covering for 5 additional days. If symptoms continue, the student may return to in-person attendance 24 hours after symptoms resolve.

Communicable Disease Policy

State law requires reporting and exclusion from in-person attendance for certain communicable diseases. Legacy will comply with all requirements identified in state administrative code and will follow the identification, exclusion, reporting, and notification requirements of the Arizona Department of Health Services as outlined in the [Communicable Disease Resource Guide](#).