

COVID-19: Underlying Health Conditions in Children

Boscobel Area Schools

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Children who are medically complex or who have certain underlying health or medical conditions may be at increased risk for severe illness. If you are unsure whether your child is at higher risk, talk to your child's healthcare provider or visit:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/understanding-risk.html>

If your student has underlying health conditions, you may want to monitor community COVID-19 levels at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home>. Please contact your child's healthcare provider or specialist for guidance during periods of elevated community COVID-19 activity. It is important for you and your child's healthcare provider to consider the district's COVID-19 protocols when making decisions. The district will offer only in-person learning, but students who are medically complex or who have significant underlying health conditions will be considered through 504 or special education avenues.

Actions to Take:

- Stay up-to-date with COVID-19 and other vaccinations.
- Improve ventilation.
- Get tested for COVID-19 as needed.
- Follow recommendations if you have been exposed.
- Stay home if you have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Seek treatment if you have COVID-19 and are at high risk of getting very sick.
- Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Call your child's healthcare provider if you have concerns, or to discuss your child's specific conditions or risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- If you don't have a healthcare provider, contact your nearest community health care center or your local public health department.

Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children

Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) is a condition where different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs. We do not yet know what causes MIS-C. However, we know that many children with MIS-C had the virus that causes COVID-19, or had been around someone with COVID-19. MIS-C can be serious, but most children who were diagnosed with this condition have gotten better with medical care. For more information, go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/mis/mis-c.html>.