



Are Districts Required to Quarantine Students?

Yes.

Legally, schools must quarantine students as directed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHS) and MSBA strongly recommends that school districts work closely with both MDHS and their local health departments. We need to keep this virus from spreading so we can keep schools open!

[Section 167.191](#) of Missouri state statutes states that it is “unlawful” for a student to attend school when they have a contagious disease or “while liable to transmit such disease after having been exposed to it.” It is actually a crime for a parent to send their child to school after the student has been excluded.

In addition, the MDHS [regulations](#) state that districts are required to exclude from school any student with a “reportable” contagious disease and students who are liable to transmit such a disease. See 19 CSR 20-20.030. COVID-19 is a disease that is required to be reported to the MDHS.