

COVID Attendance Codes for 2022-23 School Year Frequently Asked Questions

Several districts have reach out with questions about student attendance as it relates to COVID absences during the 2022-2023 school year.

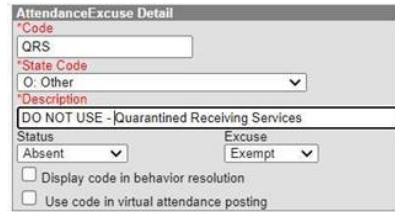
Here are the questions being asked:

- Will KDE be providing guidance on COVID positive students as it relates to attendance codes? There will be no attendance codes specifically for COVID created and pushed down from the state level this school year. KDE is working to create a communicable disease tab in the health module that will be pushed down by the state in the first part of August. This tab will not be connected to attendance. It can be used to track any communicable disease and ad hocs/reports will be available in the future to help with required reporting of communicable diseases. Districts can no longer use the QRS or TRI attendance codes. The statutes that created these codes expired 6/30/22. It is a district decision to utilize or not utilize the QCE and QCP attendance groups. These are not connected to attendance, but districts may still find value in using these to track COVID instances.
- Will districts be funded for these days? There is no funding allocated for days missed by students or faculty due to COVID. Districts may want to adjust local board policies regarding the number of allowed days missed for students or allowed parent/doctor notes for students to account for absences due to COVID. Districts may create local attendance codes for COVID absences, but they will not generate funding.
- Will there be a special attendance code to track days missed due to positive COVID cases? KDE is not creating a special attendance code to track COVID positive absences. Districts will be able to track students with COVID in the communicable disease tab and that data will be available in ad hocs and reports for any required reporting to the local health departments. The QRS or TRS attendance code cannot be used for 2022-23.
- Will districts treat positive COVID tests as they currently do doctor notes? This is a district decision. It is up to the district to determine how best to move forward and what is accepted as an excused or unexcused absence. As stated above, districts may want to adjust local board policies to address COVID absences.
- Will “at home” test be treated the same as a licensed facilities administering the COVID test? Since there will not be a state attendance code specifically for COVID positive students, this is also a district decision. Local board policy may address what type of tests are accepted as a parent note or doctor note and outline if those absences count district totals of absent notes allowed.
- How will individuals being quarantined based on the KDPH guidance be treated as it relates to funding and allotted number of absences? There is no funding tied to COVID-related absences during the 2022-23 school year. COVID positive absences should be treated as any other illness. It is a district decision whether to code quarantine-related absences as excused or unexcused, but a missed day of school due to quarantine in the 22-23 school year will be recorded as an absence. Local attendance codes for COVID positive absences and absences due to quarantine CAN be created by districts, but these codes must be mapped to Absent/Excused or Absent/Unexcused.

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- Can district delete QRS and TRI Attendance Codes used last year?

Yes – districts can delete QRS and TRI codes from the 2022-2023 school year. Attendance codes are now attached to each school calendar. If districts choose not to delete QRS or TRI, KDE recommends entering “DO NOT USE” in the description box.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "AttendanceExcuse Detail". It contains the following fields and options:

- *Code**: A text input field containing "QRS".
- *State Code**: A dropdown menu with "O: Other" selected.
- *Description**: A text input field containing "DO NOT USE - Quarantined Receiving Services".
- Status**: A dropdown menu with "Absent" selected.
- Excuse**: A dropdown menu with "Exempt" selected.
- Display code in behavior resolution
- Use code in virtual attendance posting