

COVID-19 Return to School Flowchart

If a staff or student has:

No symptoms, and		One symptom	One or more symptoms, and			
<p>Close contact of someone with COVID-19</p> <p>Should not attend in-person classes. Should use remote learning options.</p> <p>May return to building after quarantining* for 5 days from last date of close contact if no symptoms develop. Individuals must wear a mask for an additional 5 days. If symptoms develop, get tested.</p> <p>If your school is using a modified quarantine option, wear a mask and watch for symptoms 10 days after the exposure. Contact your school for their quarantine procedures.</p>	<p>Positive test</p> <p>Should not attend in-person classes. Should use remote learning options.</p> <p>May return to building after isolating for 5 days since the date of positive test collection. Individuals must wear a mask for an additional 5 days.</p>	<p>Only one short-term symptom which lasted less than 24 hours</p> <p>and</p> <p>No close contact of someone with COVID-19</p> <p>May attend in-person classes if symptom has resolved</p>	<p>Negative test -or- Alternative diagnosis</p> <p>and</p> <p>No close contact of someone with COVID-19</p> <p>May return to building per school policy for non-COVID-19 illness -or- if alternative diagnosis by health care provider, follow provider directions and isolate per condition diagnosed (whichever isolation is longer).</p>	<p>Negative test</p> <p>and</p> <p>Close contact of someone with COVID-19</p> <p>Should not attend in-person classes. Should use remote learning options.</p> <p>May return to building after isolating for 5 days since symptoms started and 24 hours have passed since fever resolved (without medication) and symptoms have improved. Individuals must wear a mask for an additional 5 days.</p>	<p>Positive test</p> <p>Should not attend in-person classes. Should use remote learning options.</p> <p>May return to building after isolating for 5 days since symptoms started and 24 hours have passed since fever resolved (without medication) and symptoms have improved. Individuals must wear a mask for an additional 5 days.</p>	<p>No tests results available**</p> <p>**When test results become available, follow the flow chart</p> <p>Should not attend in-person classes. Should use remote learning options.</p> <p>May return to building after isolating for 5 days since symptoms started and 24 hours have passed since fever resolved (without medication) and symptoms have improved. Individuals must wear a mask for an additional 5 days.</p>
	<p>Please refer to the next page for more information about close contacts & quarantine guidance</p>					



*Vaccine Status & Quarantine

- Up to date – a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible.
- Fully vaccinated – a person has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Individuals who were exposed to COVID-19 and are up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations or who had a confirmed COVID-19 infection in the previous 90 days do not need to quarantine after COVID-19 exposure. Watch for symptoms and wear a mask indoors for 10 days. If symptoms develop, follow flowchart.
- If you are unsure if you are up-to-date on your COVID-19 vaccines please check the CDC's guidelines. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

COVID-19 Symptoms

- Fever
- Cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

A **short-term symptom** is defined as: A person has only one of the following symptoms (fatigue; headache; muscle pain or body aches; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; or diarrhea) **AND** the symptom begins and resolves in less than 24 hours **AND** no known close contact COVID-19 exposure.

A person can return to school the next day if the short-term symptom resolves. A COVID-19 test is not required.

Close Contact Definition and Quarantine Guidance

Close Contact includes anyone in one or more of the following categories:

- Been within 6 feet (2 meters) of a person with COVID-19 for a combined total of 15 minutes or more within a 24 hour period.
 - Students in the classroom setting within 3-6 feet of one another are not close contacts, if both students were masked.
- Live in the same household as a person with COVID-19 and cannot isolate.
- Cared for a person with COVID-19.
- Been in direct contact with saliva or other bodily secretions from a person with COVID-19 for example: been coughed on, kissed, shared utensils, etc.

Testing Guidance

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

<https://www.covidtests.gov>

<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html>