

COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL FLOWCHART

Statewide Activity Level Orange or Red

Children and staff who are COVID-19 **positive** or who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and have **not had a COVID-19 test** must not return until they have met the criteria for discontinuing home isolation.

Individuals who have **symptoms** of COVID-19
AND:
1. Have tested positive (by PCR, rapid molecular or antigen testing)
OR
2. Have not been tested (i.e. monitoring for symptoms at home)

Should **stay home and away from others** until:
1. At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared
AND
2. They have had no fever for at least 24 hours (one full day without the use of medicine that reduces fever)
AND
3. Symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)

Per the CDC, close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of someone with suspected or known COVID-19 for 15 or more minutes during a 24-hour period. In certain situations, it may be difficult to determine whether individuals have met this criterion and an entire cohort, classroom, or other group may need to be considered exposed.

Individuals who have **NO symptoms and have tested positive**

Should **stay home and away from others** until:
1. 10 days have passed from the collection date of their positive COVID-19

Individuals who have **symptoms and have tested negative**

Should **stay home and away from others** until:
1. 24 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medication and other symptoms improve

Exception: In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

Individuals who are identified as a **close contact* of a confirmed case**

Should:
1. Self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms for 14 days from the last date of exposure with the confirmed case. If household contact, may be up to 24 days.

For any students sent home with COVID like symptoms, district siblings will also be sent home

Symptomatic student and siblings should be instructed to **isolate/quarantine** and may return:
1. If **symptomatic student tests positive or if symptomatic student is not tested, they will isolate for 10 days. Sibling quarantine will be 14 days from the last date of exposure to positive/untested student. Quarantine will be 14 - 24 days determined by individual family situations.**
OR
2. Siblings may return immediately if the symptomatic student tests negative. Symptomatic student may return when symptoms improve and has had no fever for at least 24 hours (one full day **without fever reducing medicine**).

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