

COVID-19: Should my student come to school?

Tested positive with symptoms. A student has tested positive on either a PCR test or an antigen test (this includes at-home tests). The student also has COVID symptoms.



NO - Please contact the school nurse and notify them. Your student should stay home and isolate for a minimum of five (5) days, with day 0 being the day symptoms began.

Return to school on day 6 if:

- Fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication; **and**
- Symptoms are improving (if the student has symptoms).
- If symptoms develop or worsen, isolation begins again a day 0, with day 0 being the first day symptoms appear.

Note: A student should wear a well-fitting mask in school and on the bus on days 6-10.

Tested positive without symptoms. A student has tested positive on either a PCR test or an antigen test (this includes at-home tests). The student never developed symptoms.



Exposed to COVID, Regardless of vaccination status. A student has been exposed or potentially exposed to a positive case.



YES - Your student can attend school and ride the bus. Quarantining when exposed to COVID-19 is no longer recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or the New York State Department of Health. The CDC recommends that those who are exposed wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days in public indoor settings (including schools), and get tested on or after day 5, or sooner if symptoms develop.

COVID symptoms, not yet tested. A student is experiencing one or more COVID-like symptoms and is either awaiting a test or has not been tested.



NO - Unless your child has a pre-existing condition or alternate diagnosis, your child should be tested for COVID as soon as possible after symptoms begin. **For students who test POSITIVE, please see the instructions above.**

Students who test NEGATIVE may return to school following the negative test results as long as they are feeling well. The school does not need proof of a negative COVID test.

If your student is sick, please do not send them to school. Please keep your student home and/or contact your student's health care provider if they display: Fever or chills, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, or Diarrhea.

More details: If your student is returning to school....

Do I need to provide of a negative COVID test for my child to return to school?

No. The school district will no longer require test results to be reported by families.

If my student develops symptoms at school, will they be tested for COVID by the school?

No. School nurses will not administer diagnostic COVID tests.

If my child needs to isolate for 5 days, how is that calculated?

- Day 0 - Symptoms begin or if asymptomatic, date COVID test is performed.
- Day 1 through 5 - Stay at home
- Day 6 - Return to school if fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication; and symptoms are improving.

Does my student have to wear a mask? No. Universal masking is no longer required for K-12 schools or school buses. It is recommended that any individual who tests positive for COVID isolate for five days at home and wear a well-fitting mask on day 6 through 10, both in school and on the bus. Additionally, the CDC recommends that those who are exposed wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days in public indoor settings (including schools), and get tested on or after day 5, or sooner if symptoms develop.