



COVID-19: Should my child 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– Your child 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 (details below).

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



NO– Your child should stay home and isolate for a minimum of five (5) days, with day 0 as the date the positive test was performed. If symptoms develop, isolation begins again at day 0, with day 0 being the first day symptoms appear.

Return to school on day 6.

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

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. The school has at-home test kits available on request.

Students who test POSITIVE should stay home and isolate for a minimum of five (5) days may return to school on day 6, if:

- Fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication; **and**
- Symptoms are improving (details below).

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

Students who test NEGATIVE may return to school following the negative test result if they are fever-free for 24 hours and symptoms are improving.

Exposed to COVID, regardless of vaccination status

A student has been exposed or potentially exposed to a positive case.



YES– Your child 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.

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

Are their symptoms gone or resolving?

- Fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.
- No new loss of taste or smell.
- No runny nose.
- No more than an infrequent nonproductive cough that is not getting worse.
- No excessive or unusual fatigue.
- No persistent headache or muscle aches.
- No nausea, diarrhea or vomiting for at least 24 hours.

Do I need to provide proof 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 child develops symptoms at school, will they be tested for COVID by the school?

No. School nurses will not administer diagnostic COVID tests. However, the school nurse can provide a COVID test kit that can be used at home.

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 - Stay at home
- Day 2 - Stay at home
- Day 3 - Stay at home
- Day 4 - Stay at home
- Day 5 - Stay at home
- Day 6 - Return to school, fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication; and symptoms are improving.

Does my child have to wear a mask?

Universal masking is no longer required for K-12 schools or school buses. However, if a student comes to school with symptoms of COVID, they will be sent to the school health office to wait to be transported home. While in the health office, the student will be asked to wear a mask. 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 day 10, both in school and on the bus.