

Exclusion from and return to school requirements

Scenario	Exclude from School	Return to School After...
#1 No Symptoms	No	Not applicable
#2 COVID-19 symptoms	Yes	<p>Individual should be tested for COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If test is negative, return to school when they meet the normal criteria to return after illness. ➤ If test is positive, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3 ➤ If child is not tested and they are not a close contact of someone with COVID, return to school when fever free (without medication) and symptom free for 48 hours or after a clinician has evaluated the child and documented an alternative diagnosis and confirmed that the student can return to school.
#3 Positive COVID-19 PCR test with symptoms	Yes	<p>As follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and ✓ At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and ✓ Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved.
#4 Positive COVID-19 PCR test without symptoms	Yes	<p>As follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive viral diagnostic test. ✓ If symptoms develop during 10 days, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3
#5 Close contact of COVID with symptoms	Yes	<p>Individual should be tested for COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If the student is tested and receives a negative test result but they are symptomatic, they should still be treated as a probable case and follow the return to school guidance for scenario #3. ➤ If test result is positive, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3. ➤ If child is not tested, they are considered a probable case and should remain excluded from school until 10 days after symptoms appeared. <p><i>* For individuals with COVID-19 who cannot isolate from their household members, the</i></p>

#5 Close contact of COVID with symptoms, cont...		<i>household members' quarantine period begins when the case is no longer infectious. Household contact quarantines are 17-20 days.</i>
#6 Close contact of COVID without symptoms - Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated AND either the positive individual or contact were unmasked	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Return to school 10 days after the last time that they had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. ➤ If the student is tested and receives a negative test result, quarantine can end after day 7 if the test was done on or after day 5 and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. <p><i>*For individuals with COVID-19 who cannot isolate from their household members, the household members' quarantine period begins when the case is no longer infectious. Household contact quarantines are 17-20 days.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Symptom monitoring should continue for 14 days. If symptoms develop during 14 days, follow return to school guidance for scenario #5.
#7 Close contact of COVID without symptoms - Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated AND both contact and positive individual were appropriately masked	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Individual can attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic.
#8 Close contact of COVID without symptoms-Fully Vaccinated (≥ 2 weeks following the second dose in a 2-dose series or ≥ 2 weeks following the receipt of one dose of a single dose vaccine.)	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Individual can attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic. ➤ Individual should be tested 2-5 days after known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and wear a mask in school for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
#9 Close contact of COVID without symptoms who was previously diagnosed with COVID-19.	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Individual can attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic.

Home tests will not be accepted for a return to school. Test must be from a medical facility; i.e. doctor's office, CVS, Walgreens, etc.