

## **Return to School/Child Care Protocol for Children/Staff with COVID-19 Symptoms and Guidance for Household Members (HM)**

**\*This guidance does not apply to high-risk contacts (HRC). Refer to [Guidance for High-Risk Contacts of Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case](#). Everyone must complete screening before entering work – use the [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool](#).**

**Purpose:** To be used when the COVID-19 school and child care screening tool recommends child/staff should be tested for COVID-19 due to the presence of symptoms. While a symptomatic child/staff is waiting for test results, they (AND any household members) must self-isolate until test results return or other criteria below is met.

If symptomatic child/staff <u>tests negative</u> for COVID-19		If symptomatic child/staff <u>does not get tested</u> for COVID-19		If child/staff <u>tests positive</u> for COVID-19			
<p>Symptomatic child/staff may return to school if all the following are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test results are negative for COVID-19; AND</li> <li>• Symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (and no fever); AND</li> <li>• Must be able to pass screening tool</li> </ul> <p>Note: proof of negative test result not required</p>		<p><b>Scenario 1:</b> Symptomatic child/staff may return to school if all the following are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child/staff has isolated for 10 days from symptom onset; AND</li> <li>• Symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (and no fever); AND</li> <li>• Must be able to pass screening tool</li> </ul>		<p><b>Scenario 2:</b> If a health care provider (HCP) has diagnosed the symptomatic child/staff with a condition that isn't related to COVID-19, they can return to school/childcare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 hours after their symptoms start improving (and no fever)</li> </ul>		<p>Symptomatic child/staff who tests positive for COVID-19 must follow directions from Public Health (i.e. self-isolate for 10 days from symptom onset and symptoms improving for 24 hours (and no fever)).</p>	
<b>HM is Not Vaccinated or Partially Vaccinated</b>	<b>HM is Fully Vaccinated</b>	<b>HM is Not Vaccinated or Partially Vaccinated</b>	<b>HM is Fully Vaccinated</b>	<b>HM is Not Vaccinated or Partially Vaccinated</b>	<b>HM is Fully Vaccinated</b>		
<p>HM must self-isolate while symptomatic individual is awaiting test results.</p> <p><b>If symptomatic person tests negative</b> for COVID-19, household members can discontinue self-isolation</p> <p>Pass screening tool before returning to school/child care/work.</p>	<p>HM does not need to self-isolate while symptomatic individual is waiting for test results.</p>	<p>HM must self-isolate for <b>10 days</b> from their last contact with the symptomatic individual who was not tested.</p> <p>If symptomatic person gets an alternative diagnosis by health care provider, HM can stop self-isolation and return to work.</p> <p>Pass screening tool before returning to school/child care/work.</p>	<p>HM does not need to self-isolate.</p> <p>If HM develops symptoms, self-isolate and get tested.</p>	<p>HM must self-isolate for 10 days from last exposure/contact with individual who tested positive.</p> <p>HM should get tested immediately, and if they receive a negative test result, recommended to re-test on or after day 10 of isolation.</p> <p>If HM develops symptoms get tested immediately.</p>	<p>HM does not need to self-isolate.</p> <p>HM should get tested immediately, and if they receive a negative test result, re-test as directed by Public Health.</p> <p>If HM develops symptoms self-isolate and get tested immediately.</p>		

**Fully Vaccinated** means that it has been 14 days or more after receiving your final dose of COVID-19 vaccine.