

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"> • Test results are negative for COVID-19; AND • Symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (and no fever); AND • Must be able to pass screening tool <p>Note: proof of negative test result not required</p>		<p>Scenario 1: Symptomatic child/staff may return to school if all the following are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child/staff has isolated for 10 days from symptom onset; AND • Symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (and no fever); AND • Must be able to pass screening tool 		<p>Scenario 2: 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"> • 24 hours after their symptoms start improving (and no fever) 		<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>	
HM is Not Vaccinated or Partially Vaccinated	HM is Fully Vaccinated	HM is Not Vaccinated or Partially Vaccinated	HM is Fully Vaccinated	HM is Not Vaccinated or Partially Vaccinated	HM is Fully Vaccinated		
<p>HM must self-isolate while symptomatic individual is awaiting test results.</p> <p>If symptomatic person tests negative 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 10 days 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.