

## Return to School Criteria for Students

### COVID-19 Positive (regardless of vaccination status):

Students in grades Pre-K - 12 should self-isolate for 5 days. If they are not experiencing symptoms or if their symptoms are resolving (at least 24 hours without a fever and without the use of fever-reducing medication), they can return to school after completing a minimum of 5 days of self-isolation\*:

- If your child is **not symptomatic**, Day 0 of self-isolation starts on the day your student tested positive for COVID-19.
- If your child is **symptomatic**, Day 0 of self-isolation starts on the day your student began experiencing symptoms (please communicate this date to your child's school, if applicable).

***\*No proof of a negative test is required to return to school*** (a signed note from your child's healthcare provider may be submitted to the school to excuse the student's absence).

### Close Contact with a Person who has COVID-19:

According to current [CDC guidance for schools](#), all close contacts in grades Pre-K-12 **may remain at school by taking the following steps** (regardless of vaccination status):

1. **Individuals who were exposed to COVID-19 should wear a [mask](#) as soon as they find out they were exposed to a positive individual**
  - Day "0" is the day of last exposure to someone with COVID-19;
  - Day "1" is the first full day after last exposure to someone with COVID-19
2. **Individuals who were exposed to COVID-19, should continue to wear a [mask](#) for 10 full days**
  - Individuals who were exposed should watch for possible COVID-19 symptoms (these may include, but are not limited to the following):
    - Fever of 100.4 or greater
    - Cough and/or shortness of breath
    - Fatigue and/or body aches
    - Headache
    - Loss of taste or smell
  - If the individual experiences any potential COVID-19 symptoms, they should immediately self-isolate (regardless of vaccination status). They are advised to contact their health care provider for next steps (consider COVID-19 testing).
3. **It is recommended that individuals exposed to COVID-19 get tested at least 5 full days after their last exposure (even if they do not develop symptoms)**
  - If test results are positive, the individual will follow [isolation guidance](#) and COVID-19 Positive return to school criteria above.



**Experiencing Potential COVID-19 Symptoms (regardless of vaccination status):**

*One of the following options (regardless of vaccination status) -*

- A. Students in Pre-K-12 may self-isolate for 5 days after the start of their symptoms. They can return to school on Day 6 **IF**:
- They have **no symptoms or symptoms are resolving** after 5 days (24 hours with no fever and without the use of fever-reducing medication) **AND**
  - Consistently **wear a mask** (or alternate face covering with neck drape) in the school setting/during transportation for 5 additional days (the remainder of their 10-day self-isolation period)
- or**
- B. Students in Pre-K-12 may return to school with a signed note from their healthcare provider (note **MUST** specify the date that the student is cleared to return to school).

