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 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).