

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

Key Symptoms of Illness	Do you have any of the following NEW key symptoms of illness?	Circle one	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	• Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO

If you answered “YES” to ONE of the questions included under ‘Key Symptoms of Illness’ (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered “YES” to TWO OR MORE of the questions included under ‘Key Symptoms of Illness’ or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been ruled out and your symptoms have improved.

When a **COVID-19 test** is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases, this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 **test is recommended but is not done** because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor’s note) should NOT be required to confirm the health status of any individual.

If you know that you have been in direct contact with a person confirmed to have COVID-19 or you are returning from international travel, please call 8-1-1 for additional guidance.

Students or staff may still attend school if a member of their household has a cold, influenza, or COVID-19-like symptoms, provided the student/ staff is asymptomatic. As per public health guidance, it is expected the symptomatic household member is seeking assessment by a health-care provider.

Students and staff who experience seasonal allergies or other COVID-19-like symptoms which are related to an existing condition can continue to attend school when they are experiencing these symptoms as normal. If they experience any change in symptoms, they should seek assessment by a health-care provider.