



# Smithtown Central School District

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## Medical Quarantine Guidelines for the 2021-2022 School Year

Please follow the below guidelines to ensure a safe return to school for your child

For students **sent home or called in sick** with COVID symptoms these are the following options:

- The parent/guardian may elect for their child to quarantine instead of testing to return to school. In this case, the child must quarantine for ten days, starting the first day of symptoms.
- The parent/guardian chooses to have their child COVID tested. This **must be a PCR test** for a symptomatic child to return to school. Students must remain home until the results of the PCR test are available. **A copy of the negative test results must be provided upon the child's return to school.**
- The student's physician provides a note with an alternate diagnosis not viral in nature. Example: sinus infection, strep throat, ear infection, etc.

**Children must be 24 hours fever free without the use of fever reducing medications and have a reduction of symptoms in order to return to school.**

For students who are **deemed a contact** of a positive person:

- Your child must complete the 10 day mandatory quarantine period if unvaccinated. This period starts on the day of the last contact with the person who is positive, not the day that the positive person became symptomatic or tested positive.  
**A negative COVID test does not override the mandatory quarantine period.**
- If your child is **vaccinated** then they **do not need to quarantine** unless they themselves become symptomatic. If this occurs they would need to follow the protocol above. The CDC recommends that vaccinated individuals COVID test between 3-5 days after an exposure to a COVID positive person if asymptomatic.

For students who are a COVID positive:

- Your child must complete the 10 day mandatory quarantine period. The 10 day count starts on the first day following symptoms or positive test results.  
**A negative COVID test does not override the mandatory quarantine period.**