

## **My Student Has Possible COVID-19 Symptoms**

### **My student has possible symptoms of COVID-19. What should I do first?**

If the school is not already aware, please contact your Division Assistant. Your student will need to remain at home until they are cleared to return to campus. Please contact your family physician to discuss next steps.

### **My student is fully vaccinated. Do they still need to be evaluated and tested?**

Yes, the health department requires anyone with symptoms, regardless of vaccination status, to be evaluated for COVID-19 prior to returning to campus.

### **Are other students in my household allowed to be on campus during this time?**

Any student with symptoms would need to remain off campus. Students without symptoms may come to campus if they are fully vaccinated. If they are not fully vaccinated, they may continue to come to campus if:

- they remain symptom-free AND
- if the suspicion for COVID-19 is not high AND
- the household member with symptoms is able to get tested within 24 hours.

If test results are not back within 48 hours, the household member will also need to move off-campus until results are received.

### **I am getting my student tested for COVID-19. What do I need to know?**

Tests are readily available and may be provided by a physician's office, an urgent care facility, at a local CVS or Walgreens, or at a variety of testing sites. An updated list of community-based and mobile testing sites can be found at [Test-Illinois.com](https://testillinois.com) and on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: @testillinois. For more information about all available testing sites, visit the IDPH website at <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/covid-19-testing-sites>.

The gold standard for testing is a laboratory-based RT-PCR test. This can be administered either with a nasal swab or with a saliva test. Currently, the health department requires that negative rapid tests be confirmed with a laboratory-based RT-PCR test. It is important that you confirm the type of test that is being used, as having to return for additional testing can delay your student's return to school.

Kane County Health Department discourages families from using at-home test kits as these tests do not follow CLIA regulations. They will not accept results from an at-home test. **An at-home test kit can delay release for return to school within the appropriate time frame.**

### **What if my student tests positive for COVID-19?**

If your student receives a positive test result from a test of any type, please contact your Division Assistant to alert them. Your student will need to remain off campus until:

- at least 10 days have passed from their first symptoms AND
- they are fever free for 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication AND
- their other symptoms have improved.

You will receive a phone call from a health department contact tracer. If you have not received a call within 3 days, please email [school@co.kane.il.us](mailto:school@co.kane.il.us). After speaking with the contact tracer, you will receive daily health assessments for your student via email or text message. Make sure to complete all of the health assessments as requested by the health department.

Students who test positive will also need physician clearance prior to returning to PE and/or athletic activities.

**What if my student tests negative for COVID-19?**

Your student may return when we have confirmed that we have received a documented negative result from a laboratory-based RT-PCR. Please:

- contact your Division Assistant to alert them AND
- please email or fax (847-695-5017) the signed note to your Division Assistant.

Your student may return to campus once their symptoms have improved and we have confirmed that we received acceptable test results before anyone returns to campus.

**What if the doctor says my student has something other than COVID-19?**

The health department is no longer allowing an alternate diagnosis without testing to confirm that COVID-19 is not also present.

**What if I choose not to test?**

If you choose not to have your student tested, your student will need to remain off campus until:

- at least 10 days have passed from their first symptoms AND
- they are fever free for 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication AND
- their other symptoms have improved.

If after 10 days the symptoms have improved, the student may return to campus.

**How can my student participate in learning while they are off campus?**

It is important that students first feel well enough to participate, whether they are on or off campus. Please contact your student's teachers to discuss the best way for them to participate.

**Who should I contact if I have further questions?**

The best contact to start with is your Division Assistant. They will be able to direct your question to the right person if they cannot answer it.

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Main School Phone Line – 847-695-0300

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Kane County Health Department - 630-208-3801

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