

Return-to-School Guidelines 2023-2024

Choose the scenario below that fits your child to determine when they can return to school. *Guidelines apply to all students regardless of vaccination status.*

Common symptoms of COVID include a fever of 100.4 F or higher, chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

** If you are unsure whether your child is a close contact, call your school health staff for verification. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of distance of a person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes in a 24-hour period, living in same household, or caring for a COVID positive person.*

My student has symptoms of COVID

Your student was NOT in contact with someone in the home or community that tested positive for COVID:

Your student may return to school when:

1. Fever, vomit, and/or diarrhea free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
2. Symptoms are improving.
3. COVID testing encouraged, but NOT REQUIRED.

Your student was in contact with someone in the home or community that tested positive for COVID:

Your student may return to school when:

1. Fever, vomit, and/or diarrhea free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
2. Symptoms are improving.
3. Must provide a copy of a negative COVID test result or doctor's note that is dated after the onset of symptoms.

My student tested positive for COVID

- Student must isolate at home for at least 5 days after start of symptoms (or after date of first positive test if no symptoms).
- Retesting on or after day 5 is encouraged, but **not required**.
- May return on Day 6 **with or without** testing and *symptoms are improving*.
- If symptoms, other than fever, persists after day 5 then student may return with a negative test or continue to isolate until symptoms are improving or until after Day 10.
- If fever is present, isolation should be continued until 24 hours after fever resolves, without the use of fever reducing medication.
- Wearing a mask is strongly recommended through day 10, but not required.
- Siblings may stay in school unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID.

There was a COVID positive exposure in my student's classroom

- Classroom notifications will only be sent if there are **3 or more** positive cases in the classroom within 1 week.
- Your child may remain in school, unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID.
- Wearing a mask is strongly recommended through day 10 after exposure to COVID, but not required.
- Testing is recommended once within 3-5 days after the last date of exposure, but not required *unless symptoms develop*.
- Testing is available in the community (Kings County Health Department, Primary Care Provider, etc.), or use an over the counter at-home test.
- If your child develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID please ensure they isolate at home immediately. Notify your student's school site and follow isolation guidelines.
- Persons who tested positive within the prior 90 days do not need to be tested, quarantined, or excluded from school unless symptoms develop.