

Any student who has symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home. Testing is recommended for people with symptoms of COVID-19 as soon as possible after symptoms begin.

- Students with vomiting and/ or diarrhea must go home or stay home for **at least 24 hours** or until free of vomiting and/or diarrhea for **24 hours WITHOUT** medication
- Students with a fever should stay home for **24 hours after being fever free without** the use of medication, or until their doctor says it is okay to go back to school.
- Children with breathing problems should stay home until the cough is improving. If your child has a heavy, moist productive cough, chest congestion, or discolored nasal drainage. (If your child is having difficulty breathing, call your doctor right away.)
- If diagnosed with a strep infection. Students need to be on an antibiotic for a minimum of 24 hours, fever free, and feeling well before returning to school.
- If your child has pinkeye (conjunctivitis). Students need to have completed 24 hours of medication, and have no visible redness or discharge before returning to school.

This is important for your child's health and the health of his/her classmates.

COVID Response*: A reminder... Students who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 5 days at home and contact the school nurse. Those with symptoms may return to school after 5 days if they are fever-free without fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours and their symptoms are improving. Students must mask days 6-10 while in school (CDC guidance indicates that people can use the test-based strategy outlined in its isolation guidance to potentially shorten the duration of post-isolation mask use. Please read the NYSDOH FAQ on these points.)

You can request a take-home COVID-19 rapid test kits to any students who exhibit COVID-like symptoms or have been in a classroom where a positive case has been identified. Anyone who tests positive on a take-home test should immediately report it to the school and begin isolating. No proof of a negative result is required in order for these students to enter the school building.

Wash your hands, teach your children to cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing, coughing or sneezing into their elbow.

Rest can help you and your child get better sooner, and it helps prevent the spread of germs. Please contact your school nurse for any questions or concerns

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