

Return-to-School Guidelines 2024-2025

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.

CDPH no longer recommends testing for all close contacts and instead recommends testing only for all people with new COVID-19 symptoms and close contacts who are at higher risk of severe disease or who have contact with people who are at higher risk of severe disease.

My student has symptoms of COVID

Your student may return to school when:

- Fever, vomit, and/or diarrhea free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- Symptoms are improving.
- COVID testing is encouraged, especially after known exposure, but NOT REQUIRED.

My student tested positive for COVID

Your student may return to school when:

- Fever, vomit, and/or diarrhea free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- Other COVID-19 symptoms are mild or improving.
- Student should wear mask when indoors for the 10 days* after start of symptoms or test positive (if no symptoms).
Day 0 is symptom onset date or positive test date.
- Student may remove mask sooner than 10 days if they have two sequential negative tests at least one day apart.
- 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 only recommended if student is at higher risk of severe disease and would benefit from treatment OR if they have contact with people who are at higher risk for severe COVID-19 infection. In these situations, consider testing within 5 days after the last exposure date (Day 0) and prior to contact with higher risk people.
- 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.