

If a student tests positive for COVID-19 when can they return to school?

Beginning January 9, 2024, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommends the following actions to align with common practice of other respiratory viruses:

A student who has tested positive for COVID-19 can return to school if they have had no fever for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication,
AND their symptoms are mild and improving.

If your student have tested positive for COVID-19, **please contact the SMCHS Nurse's Office and provide a picture of the positive COVID-19 test result with your name and the date. to deptofnursing@smhs.org.** A negative test is not required to return to the SMCHS campus.

A student should stay home with a temperature of **99.9** or higher, even if they do not have any other COVID/respiratory symptoms and/or test negative for COVID-19. Isolation can end and the student can return to campus if:

- The student is fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) AND
- The student's symptoms are mild **and** improving

If fever is present, isolation should be continued until 24 hours after fever resolves. If symptoms, other than fever, are not improving, continue to isolate until symptoms are mild and improving.

Complimentary rapid Antigen home tests are available in the Nurses Office, while supplies last.

CDPH Recommendations for people who test positive:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-19-Isolation-Guidance.aspx>

Source: California Department of Public Health

