

COVID-19 Testing and Doctor’s Note Guidance

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As we enter school year 2022-2023, requirements related to symptomatic indviduals returning to school remain similar to those last school year. Below are the protocols to follow when an individual in your school becomes symptomatic.

Any individual (student or employee) who experiences COVID-like symptom(s):

* Should be sent home immediately
* Siblings may remain in school provided they remain asymptomatic
* The symptomatic student may return to school if the symptoms dissipate within 24 hours

If symptoms do not dissipate within 24 hours the individual should:

* see their healthcare provider for COVID-19 testing or administer a home-based test
* quarantine while awaiting the test result

The symptomatic individual may return to school if the following criteria are met:

* The individual has received either a negative test for COVID-19 (provider administered or home test) or an alternative diagnosis from a medical provider recommending the return to school, and
* 24-hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication)

As a reminder, a doctor’s note is not required for individuals who are confirmed COVID-19 positive:

* For the confirmed positive individual to return to school he or she must have:
  1. remained at home for 5 days (with Day 0 being the earlier of symptom onset or date positive test was administered),
  2. no fever for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication), and
  3. a general reduction of other symptoms by 75% or more.