

COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL PROTOCOL UPDATE

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If your child is identified with symptoms which could be consistent with a COVID-19 diagnosis, the school strongly recommends that you have your child seen by a healthcare provider as soon as possible.

The following is a list of symptoms related to COVID-19:

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

The following describes the protocols set forth by the NYS Department of Health to ensure a safe return to school:

- 1. Students who screen positive (at home or at school) for COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of vaccination status, must have the following before returning to campus:
 - A negative COVID test result (lab-based PCR) OR
 - Detailed alternate diagnosis by a Health Care Provider AND
 - Symptom resolution, including
 - o Fever free for 24 hours
 - No vomiting or diarrhea for 12 hours
- 2. Students who screen positive (at home or at school) for COVID-19 symptoms and have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days must have the following before returning to campus:
 - All symptoms are improving, including
 - Fever free for 24 hours
 - o No vomiting or diarrhea for 12 hours
- 3. Students who test positive for COVID-19 must have the following before returning to campus:
 - Complete 10-day quarantine, per local health department AND
 - Dated release from isolation from local health department AND
 - Symptom resolution, including
 - Fever free for 24 hours
 - o No vomiting or diarrhea for 12 hours
 - * Please note that while the ill student is in isolation, all members of the household must quarantine at home until released by the local health department, which is typically 10 days after last contact with a positive patient.
- 4. <u>Unvaccinated students</u> who are <u>exposed to a confirmed case</u> of COVID-19 must complete a 10-day quarantine per the Department of Health. <u>Vaccinated students</u> who are <u>exposed to a confirmed case</u> of COVID-19 AND have no symptoms may continue to attend school.