



The following are the symptoms of COVID 19 and our return to school policy.

Please contact the Health Office **each time** your child is absent from school. Grades PreK-2 call 607-535-7267, ext. 1080; Grades 3-12 at 607-594-3341 ext. 2080.

- Fever or chills (Temp of _____)
- Cough
- 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
- Diarrhea

Time: _____

How and when can student return to school?

ANY sign of these symptoms will require the following for return to school:

1. Documentation from a healthcare provider evaluation/clearance from healthcare provider
2. Negative COVID test
3. Resolution of symptoms
4. They are allowed to return to school based on existing school district illness policies/ protocols.
5. The student must be cleared to return to school by the school nurse. (A signed note from your healthcare provider clearing your child to return to school and copy of negative COVID test is required and must be given to the school nurse BEFORE riding the school bus or entering the building.)

Does the district provide COVID-19 testing?

The district does NOT provide COVID-19 testing. COVID testing can be done through the student's primary care physician or a facility determined by the NYSDOH. Schools are not responsible for testing or conducting investigations. This responsibility lies with local health officials and healthcare providers.

A. IF there is a note from the primary care physician AND a negative COVID test

- School must be given written copy of negative test result **AND**
- School must be given written note from health care provider **AND**
- Student is fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication **AND**
- Resolution of symptoms

B. IF there is a positive COVID test:

- At least 14 days after positive COVID test with symptoms improving **AND**
- 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medication **AND**
- 24 hours of improving symptoms **AND**
- Clearance by the local DOH
- All family members, including siblings, would also be quarantining per the DOH protocol

Decisions about the need for exclusion and the length of the exclusion period for students and staff exposed to or with confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be made by local health department according to guidance from New York State Department of Health.

This policy is subject to change according to guidance from New York State Department of Health, Local County Department of Health and the Governor.

** Physician notes can be dropped off to the School Nurse, emailed or faxed. Parent/Guardian must reach out to the School Nurse with updated information from the Health Care Provider as necessary.*

Contact the student's health care provider as soon as possible for guidance and if any symptoms become worse, CALL 911.