

# COVID-19 School Exclusion Recommendations

Exclusion From and Return to School Recommendations			
<p><b>COVID-19 Symptoms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two of the following symptoms: fever (measured or subjective), chills, fatigue, myalgia, headache, sore throat, congestion or running nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell</li> </ul>	<p>Individual should be tested for COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If test result is negative <b>OR</b> doctor's note with differential diagnosis, return to school after 24 hours afebrile (no fever) <b>and</b> improved respiratory symptoms</li> <li>If test result is positive or individual is unable/refuses to get tested, may return to school after:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 hours with no fever <b>and</b></li> <li>Improvement in symptoms <b>and</b></li> <li>10 days since symptoms first appeared</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Offices of Public Health Negative results of negative test results from the state COVID-19 lab are still valid to be accepted as evidence of a health care provider.</i></p>		
<p><b>Positive COVID-19 PCR or Antigen (Point of Care) Test</b></p>	<p><b>WITH SYMPTOMS</b></p> <p>May return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 hours with no fever <b>AND</b></li> <li>Improvement in symptoms <b>AND</b></li> <li>10 days since symptoms first appeared</li> </ul>	<p><b>WITHOUT SYMPTOMS</b></p> <p>May return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 days after specimen was collected</li> </ul> <p>If symptoms develop during the 10 days, follow return to school guidance for positive PCR or Antigen test <b>WITH</b> symptoms</p>	
<p><b>Close Contact to Positive*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within 6ft for 15 minutes or more</li> <li>Household contact</li> </ul> <p><b>Exception: In the K-12 indoor classroom setting only, the close contact definition <i>excludes students</i> who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks <b>and</b></li> <li>This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.</li> </ul> <p><b>*If testing resources are sufficient, close contacts should be tested regardless of symptoms. If unvaccinated individual is tested, regardless of the reason, they should stay home and isolate until the results are back.</b></p>	<p><b>WITH SYMPTOMS</b></p> <p>Individual should be tested for COVID-19</p> <p>May return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 hours with no fever <b>AND</b></li> <li>improvement in symptoms <b>AND</b></li> <li>10 days since symptoms first appeared</li> </ul>	<p><b>WITHOUT SYMPTOMS</b></p> <p>Quarantine can end 10 days after exposure without testing <b>OR</b> after 7 days with a negative PCR or antigen test (must be collected on day 5 or thereafter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household contacts may require further investigation, by either OPH or school officials, to determine dates of quarantine.</li> </ul>	<p><b>COVID VACCINATION</b></p> <p>People who are vaccinated against COVID-19 do NOT need to quarantine after an exposure to another person with COVID-19 if they meet <b>ALL</b> of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They are fully vaccinated (i.e. ≥2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine) <b>AND</b></li> <li>They have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fully Vaccinated should get tested 3-5 days after a known exposure AND wear a mask in public indoor settings for 10 days OR until they receive a negative test result.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If they test positive follow guidance for Covid-19 Positive Test</li> <li>If they develop Covid-19 symptoms, testing is recommended and follow guidance for Close Contact to Positive with Symptoms.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A negative diagnostic test <b>MAY</b> rule out Covid-19, in consultation with OPH.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>SARS COV-2 ANTIBODY TEST OR RECENT COVID INFECTION</b></p> <p>People who recently test positive for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies (documented test for IgM or IgG) <b>DO NOT</b> need to quarantine in low-risk situations if specific criteria is met and person exposed is asymptomatic. <b>Consultation with HR (717-703-4121) is required.</b></p> <p>People who had a positive diagnostic test for Covid-19 within the last 3 months before their exposure do not need to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic.</p>