

Symptom Screening and Return to School Instructions

Your child should stay home from school if:

1. They have any symptom from Group A OR
2. Two or more symptoms from Group B. The same criteria will be used during the school day to determine if your child should be sent home.

Group A 1 or more symptoms	Group B 2 or more symptoms
Fever (100°F or higher) Cough Shortness of breath Difficulty breathing	Sore throat Runny nose/congestion Chills New lack of smell or taste Muscle pain Nausea or Vomiting Headache Diarrhea

*If you have kept your child home or they have been sent home from school for the above criteria, here are the options for when they can return to school:

- 1. Your child is seen by their primary care provider and cleared to return to school. The provider needs to write a note stating that your child can come back to school. Your child needs to be fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication and have improving symptoms.**
- 2. If your child is not seen by their primary care provider they will need to stay home for 10 days, be free from fever for 24 hours without the use of medication and their symptoms are improving.**
- 3. If your child has a negative COVID test they can return when fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication and their symptoms are improving. ***If your child has a negative COVID-19 test but has been instructed to quarantine for 14 days as a result of being contact traced or due to a household contact, they must complete the quarantine period.**

*Pennsylvania Schools are required to follow the current recommendations of the Department of Health and the Department of Education regarding the exclusion of students from school and when students can return to school. We will update you with any changes. Below are resources you can access on the Departments of Health and Education websites.

www.education.pa.gov

Department of Education: Public Health Guidance for School Communities Phased Reopening of Pre-K to 12 Schools during COVID-19

www.health.pa.gov

Department of Health: COVID-19 Symptomatic K-12 Student or Staff Process Flow