

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 is provided a note that clears the return to school (this includes if they have a negative COVID test or another diagnosis). 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 you/your child has been exposed to a positive case and DO NOT live with the individual:

1. The quarantine period is 10 days from the last time you were in contact with the individual who tested positive.
2. **IF** you do not have any symptoms **AND** have a negative COVID test after the 5th day, the quarantine period can be shortened to 7 days. ****Due to the current time period for getting test results, it will be challenging to have the result back by the 7th day.**

If you/your child has been exposed to a positive case and you **DO** live with the individual:

1. **IF** the positive case is able to isolate in a separate part of the house, your quarantine period is 10 days.
2. **IF** the positive case is not able to isolate in a separate part of the house, your quarantine period is 20 days. **IF** you do not have any symptoms **AND** have a negative COVID test after the 15th day, the period can be reduced to 17 days.
3. **IF** you develop symptoms while in quarantine, your isolation period will be 10 days from the date your symptoms started.

*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