

COVID-19 Return to School or Child Care: Protocol for Employees/Visitors

While an employee or visitor of a school and/or child care is waiting for COVID-19 test results, they must remain in self-isolation and cannot attend school/child care in-person.

Negative COVID-19 Test Result

If staff/visitor gets tested for COVID-19 and receives a negative result, they can return to school if all of the following apply:

- They do not have a fever (without using medication), **AND**
- It has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started improving, **AND**
- They were not in close physical contact with someone who currently has COVID-19.

Follow School Board direction for return to school documentation requirements.

Note: If a staff/visitor has had known close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or the staff/visitor has travelled out of country, they will need to remain in isolation until 14 days have passed since their last exposure even if they have a negative test result.

Not Tested for COVID-19

Staff/visitor must remain home for a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms **AND** have symptoms improving for at least 24 hours and be free of fever (without using medication), before returning to school.

OR

Has received an alternate diagnosis by a health care provider (i.e. symptoms are not due to COVID-19) **AND** symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours.

Follow School Board direction for return to school documentation requirements.

Positive COVID-19 Test Result

Staff/visitor who test positive for COVID-19 will remain in isolation until follow up with public health has been completed and these three conditions have been met:

- 1) They have isolated for a minimum of 10 days after the onset of symptoms, **AND**
- 2) They no longer have a fever (without using medication), **AND**
- 3) Their symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours.

Note:

Everyone in your household **MUST** stay home if you or anyone else has COVID-19 symptoms until one of the following occurs:

1. The person with symptoms is tested for COVID-19 and test results are negative; OR
2. An alternate diagnosis is given by a healthcare provider for the person who has symptoms.

If the person with symptoms in the household does NOT get tested, everyone else in the household **MUST** stay home for:

- 14 days from the last contact with the person with symptoms if the ill person can self-isolate away from the rest of the household; or
- 24 days from start of the sick person's symptom(s) if the ill person **CANNOT** self-isolate away from the rest of the household.

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