



Guidance for P-12 Schools when a student or staff member has COVID-19 symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test

What to do when a student or staff member develops COVID-19 symptoms

If the student/staff is at school when symptoms begin, the student/staff should be evaluated by the nurse or sent home to isolate. Binax testing supplies will be provided to schools for testing of students and staff as determined by the school nurse.

One of the following three criteria must be met before the student/staff can return to school:

1. A note from the student/staff's medical care provider with an alternative diagnosis is provided OR
2. The result of a negative diagnostic COVID-19 test is provided OR
3. There have been at least ten days since the onset of COVID-19 symptoms.

What to do when a student tests positive for COVID-19

The student/staff should remain in isolation per public health order. All of the following three criteria must be met before the student/staff can return to school:

1. At least ten days after COVID-19 symptom onset or ten days from their first positive test if asymptomatic AND
2. Fever-free for at least **24** consecutive hours without the use of fever-reducing medication AND
3. Symptoms are improving.

What to do with classmates or staff members in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case

1. Outside of the classroom, close contacts are individuals who are within 6 feet of an infected person, without masks for 10 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
2. If universal masking is used in indoor K-12 classrooms, students who are exposed to an infected person are exempted from quarantine:
 - a. Students who are at least 3 feet away from an infected person are not considered close contacts and do not need to quarantine as long as both the infected student and the exposed student are correctly and consistently wearing masks the entire time.
 - b. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.
 - c. Individuals who are fully vaccinated or who have had a COVID-19 infection within the last 90 days also do not need to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact.