

NYSDOH COVID-19 In-Person Decision Making Flowchart for Student Attendance

Can My Child Go To School Today?

In the past 10 days, has your child been tested for the virus that causes COVID-19, also known as SARS-CoV-2?

YES

Was the test result positive OR are you still waiting for the result?

In the last 10 days, has your child:

- Traveled internationally to a CDC level 2 or higher **COVID-19** related travel health notice country; or
- · Traveled to a noncontiguous state; or
- Been designated a contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 by a local health department?

NO

Does your child currently have (or has had in the last 10 days) one or more of these new or worsening symptoms?

- or equal to 100.0° F (37.8° C) trouble breathing
- Feel feverish or have chills
- Cough
- · Loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue/feeling of tiredness
- Sore throat

- A temperature greater than Shortness of breath or
 - Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
 - Muscle pain or body aches
 - Headaches
 - Nasal congestion/ runny nose

YES

Your child cannot go to school today.

They must stay in isolation (at home and away from others) until 10 days have passed from symptom onset with at least 72 hours after recovery (with resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications) if waiting for the results **OR** if **positive**, the local health department has released your child from isolation.

YES'

Your child cannot go to school today unless:

- For travelers, they have guarantined for 10 days or met the criteria to test out of the 10-day quarantine period.
- For children designated as a contact, until the local health department releases your child from quarantine (at least 10 days).

If your child received a COVID test within 72 hours prior to arriving in NY, they must quarantine for 3 days and can test on the 4th day after arrival. Students who receive a second negative result can return to school.

YES

Your child cannot go to school today.

Your child should be assessed by their pediatric healthcare provider (HCP). Call your child's HCP before going to the office or clinic to tell them about your child's symptoms. If your child does not have a HCP, call your local health department.

NO '

Your child CAN go to school today.

Make sure they wear a face covering or face mask. practice social distancing, and remind them to wash their hands!

Report absences, symptoms, and positive COVID-19 test results to your child's school.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

- · Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly
- Prolonged fever
- · Is too sick to drink fluids
- Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
- Change in skin color becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
- Racing heart or chest pain
- Decreased urine output
- Lethargy, irritability, or confusion



My child has COVID-19 symptoms. When can they go back to school?

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER (HCP) EVALUATION FOR COVID-19 (can be in-person or by video/telephone as determined by HCP) COVID-19 **HCP Gives** Child is **HCP Recommends COVID-19 Diagnostic Test** OR Not Evaluated **Alternate Diagnosis Diagnostic Test** Recommended by HCP **but Not** Done and STAY OUT OF SCHOOL No Alternate and in isolation until test result is back Diagnosis **Negative Test Result** Positive Test Result Your local health department will contact If your child's symptoms If your child's HCP provides a Your child must remain in isolation you to follow up. are improving **AND** they diagnosis of a known chronic at home and is not able to go back are fever-free for at least condition with unchanged symptoms, to school until your local health Your child must remain in isolation (at 24 hours without the use of or a confirmed acute illness department has released them from home and away from others) until your fever reducing medicines, (examples: laboratory-confirmed isolation, which is typically: local health department has released them your child may return to influenza, strep-throat) AND from isolation, which is typically: At least 10 days have passed since school with: COVID-19 is not suspected, then a date of first symptoms; AND • 10 days after symptom onset; **AND**

- Child's symptoms are improving; AND
- Child is fever-free for at least 72 hours without use of fever reducing medicines.

While your child is in isolation, all members of the household must quarantine at home until released by the local health department, OR until 10 days have passed and you have not exhibited symptoms.

Note: A repeat negative COVID-19 test is not required for return to school.

- A note from HCP indicating the test was negative **OR**
- Provide a copy of the negative test result.

note signed by their HCP explaining the alternate diagnosis is required before your child will be allowed to return to school. They may return to school according to the usual guidelines for that diagnosis.

Note: a signed HCP note documenting unconfirmed acute illnesses, such as viral upper respiratory illness (URI) or viral gastroenteritis, will not suffice.

- Child's symptoms are improving; AND
- Child is fever-free for at least 72 hours without use of fever reducing medicines.

COVID-19 diagnostic testing includes molecular (e.g., PCR) or antigen testing for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Diagnostic testing may be performed with a nasopharyngeal swab, nasal swab, or saliva sample, as ordered by the health care provider and per laboratory specifications. At times, a negative antigen test will need to be followed up with a confirmatory molecular test. Serology (antibody testing) cannot be used to rule in or out acute COVID-19.