



# Niagara County Department of Health Flow Chart for Symptomatic Individuals in PK-12 Schools

**Student, Teacher or Staff member with NO  
Known Exposure has a temperature  $>100^{\circ}$  OR  
exhibits new or unusual symptoms of COVID-19:**

Fever, chills • Shortness of breath • Sore throat • Loss of taste or smell •  
Headache • Loss of appetite • Cough • Nasal congestion or runny nose •  
Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea • Fatigue • Muscle or body aches

**REGARDLESS of vaccination status, individual must stay or return home.  
Contact health care provider for alternate diagnosis.**

## **Alternate diagnosis**

Individual may return to school with a note signed by their health care provider explaining the alternate diagnosis.

## **COVID-19 test result is negative<sup>§\*</sup>:**

Individuals may return to school if symptoms are improving, and they are fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

They must provide a copy of the negative test result or a note from their health care provider indicating the negative result.

## **COVID-19 test result is positive<sup>§</sup>:**

Individual required to self-isolate under [Public Director's Standing Order for Isolation](#)

Individual can return to school after [self-release from Isolation](#)

## **No test/No alternate diagnosis:**

Individual may return to school after at least 5 days have passed since date of first symptoms

AND

Individual's symptoms are improving

AND

Individual is fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines.

*It is school responsibility to follow-up/monitor these individuals*

*§ PCR, Rapid Antigen (including At-Home) tests are acceptable REGARDLESS of vaccination status.*