



School Guidelines for Returning from Quarantine/School Exclusion

- **Individuals quarantined with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis:**

Once diagnosis is made, individual must contact school to inform about positive result and assist with contact tracing. Individuals must isolate but may return to school after 10 days from onset of symptoms, as long as symptoms have stopped and individual is fever-free without medication for 24 hours. Individual must **provide the school with a Release from Isolation letter from medical provider.**

- **Symptomatic individual with a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test:**

Individual should contact school to report illness and **provide negative COVID test result.** Individual may return to school once symptoms have improved and illness has subsided. No quarantine is necessary. Individuals who have been cleared by the Local Health Department (LHD) for release from isolation may return to school even if other household members are in isolation or quarantine in the home.

- **Symptomatic individual with an alternate diagnosis without negative COVID test result:**

Individual should contact school and provide evidence of medical providers' alternative diagnosis. Individual should stay home until symptoms have improved or resolved. No quarantine is necessary. **A medical note is required from the provider** indicating that there is no clinical suspicion of COVID and indicate an alternate diagnosis with exclusion details that are consistent with this diagnosis.

- **Symptomatic individual without diagnostic testing or clinical evaluation:**

Individual must quarantine but may return to school after 10 days from onset of symptoms, as long as symptoms have stopped and individual is fever-free without medication for 24 hours. After the exclusion period, parents or employees must **provide a note about the individual being symptom and fever free for 24 hours.**

- **Asymptomatic individual who is a close contact to a confirmed or probable COVID case:**

Individual must stay home for 14 calendar days after last exposure to the confirmed COVID case. A negative test result at any point during the 14 day quarantine does not shorten the duration of the 14 day quarantine period. If illness develops, then individual must isolate for 10 days, and testing is recommended to confirm diagnosis. Individual must **provide the school with a Release from Quarantine letter from medical provider.**