

# RETURN TO LEARN: Guidance Following a Positive COVID-19 Symptom Screen



Any symptomatic individuals should isolate from symptom onset and pursue evaluation, including testing as soon as possible. If symptoms develop at school and point of care testing is available, testing may be performed following an initial assessment using the Addressing Symptoms at School tool.

Anyone who tests positive using any viral diagnostic test type (not antibody tests) should be treated as a case and should isolate. No additional test results can end a symptomatic positive individual's isolation period early.

Symptomatic individuals within 90 days of a previous positive viral diagnostic test (not antibody test) and those who are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after final dose) should isolate, be investigated for potential infection in consultation with public health and/or a healthcare provider, and may require testing prior to return to school.

**FOR USE IN ALL SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE SETTINGS FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS**

**Reminder:**

- Unchanged, usual symptoms of a known chronic condition should not prompt exclusion

**Major Symptoms**

- Feeling feverish, having chills, temperature of 100.4 F or greater
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breathing
- Loss of taste or smell

**Minor Symptoms**

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

**\*Test Types**  
The following COVID-19 test types will be accepted

- PCR
- Molecular
- Antigen

