



## Management of COVID cases or individuals presenting with COVID-like Symptoms

### Fall 2022 (Updated August 18<sup>th</sup>)

Category	Scenario	Criteria to return to school
Positive Test With No Symptoms	Person has tested <b>positive</b> with an <b>antigen test (at home or on site)</b> but does not have <b>symptoms</b> of COVID-19 and is not known to be a close contact to someone diagnosed with COVID19.	<p>If the person has a repeat PCR/molecular test performed in a laboratory within 24 – 48 hours of their positive antigen test, and that PCR/ molecular test is negative: the positive antigen test can be considered a false positive and the person can immediately return to school.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>If the person does not have a repeat PCR/molecular test or has one within 24 – 48 hours and it is also positive, the person can return to school 5 days after the specimen collection date of the first positive test, as long as they did not develop symptoms.</p> <p>We strongly encourage the person to wear a well-fitting mask through day 10 (days 6-10 upon return) to minimize risk of infecting others, unless an exemption to mask use applies. The person may remove their mask sooner with 2 sequential negative tests 48 hours apart.</p> <p>The person is not required to have documentation of a negative test to return to school.</p>
Positive Test With No Symptoms	Person has tested <b>positive</b> with a <b>PCR/molecular test</b> , but the person does not have symptoms.	<p>Person can return to school 5 days after the specimen collection date of their positive test if they did not develop symptoms. We strongly encourage the person wear a well-fitting mask through day 10 (days 6-10 upon return) to minimize risk of infecting others, unless an exemption to mask use applies.</p> <p>The person may remove their mask sooner following 2 sequential negative tests 48 hours apart.</p>
Positive Test With Symptoms	Person <b>has symptoms</b> of COVID-19 and has <b>tested positive with an antigen test (at home or on site) or PCR/molecular test</b>	<p>Person can return to school when</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has been at least 5 days after the first day of symptoms; AND</li> <li>• It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); AND</li> <li>• Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.</li> </ul> <p>We strongly encourage the person wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days after the first day of symptoms (days 6-10 upon return) to minimize the risk of infecting others, unless an exemption to mask use applies. The person may remove their mask sooner following 2 sequential negative tests 48 hours apart.</p>

<p><b>Symptoms</b></p> <p><b>But</b></p> <p><b>Has</b></p> <p><b>Not</b></p> <p><b>Tested</b></p>	<p>Person has symptoms of COVID-19 but has <b>not</b> been tested for COVID-19 nor has visited a health care provider.</p>	<p>While we strongly encourage testing, the person can return to school when</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); AND</li> <li>• Symptoms are improving.</li> </ul> <p>The person is not required to have documentation of a negative test in order to return to school.</p> <p>If the person has not tested, we strongly encourage masking, unless an exemption to mask use applies, for 10 days after the first day of symptoms to minimize the risk of infecting others.</p>
<p><b>Symptoms</b></p> <p><b>But</b></p> <p><b>Has</b></p> <p><b>Tested</b></p> <p><b>Negative</b></p>	<p>Person has symptoms of COVID-19 but has received a negative test for COVID-19* or has visited a health care provider and received <b>an alternate diagnosis</b> that would explain the symptoms of COVID-19</p> <p>*In a person with symptoms, a negative test is defined as either (1) a negative PCR/molecular test or (2) a negative antigen test (at home or on site) if the person has a low likelihood of SARSCoV-2 infection. See CDC antigen algorithm for interpretation of antigen tests.</p>	<p>Person can return to school when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); AND</li> <li>• They have felt well for at least 24 hours.</li> </ul> <p>Note: The health care provider is not required to detail the specifics of the alternate diagnosis.</p>