

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

When your child is experiencing one or more of the following symptoms of COVID-19:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Temperature ($\geq 100^{\circ}$ F) | <input type="checkbox"/> Feverish or Chills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough | <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Taste or Smell | <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of Breath or Trouble Breathing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sore Throat | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nasal Congestion or Runny Nose | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle Pain or Body Aches | |

Per NYS Department of Health, your child needs to be evaluated by a healthcare provider (HCP) **within 48 hours**. Please call the HCP to tell them about your child's symptoms. (The evaluation can be in person or by video/telephone).

- If a **COVID-19 test is recommended** and the test result is **negative**:
Your child may return to school if:
 - They have a note from the HCP indicating the test was negative, **or**
 - They provide a copy of the negative test result, **and**
 - Their symptoms are improving and they have been fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication

- If an **Alternate Diagnosis** is given, the health care provider must provide a diagnosis of a **known chronic condition with unchanged symptoms, or a confirmed acute illness*** AND COVID-19 is not suspected
Your child may return to school if:
 - They have a note signed by the their health care provider explaining the alternate diagnosis*, and
 - Their symptoms are improving, they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and they have met the usual return guidelines for that diagnosis

***Note: Per NYSDOH, a confirmed acute illness must be lab-confirmed (Example flu, strep-throat). An illness such as viral gastroenteritis or upper respiratory illness is not allowed.**

NOTE: If a COVID-19 test is positive, your child will isolate at home for a period of at least 10 days, with the date of return to school being determined by the Onondaga County Health Department (OCHD).

Likewise, if you are notified that your child will need to quarantine at home for a period of 14 days due to close contact with someone testing positive for COVID-19, the OCHD will determine your child's date of return to school. The date will **NOT** be subject to change based on a negative COVID-19 test result.