

Center for Disease Control Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools 2022-2023 - 8/2/2022

Exclusion from school for positive COVID cases required by CDC guidance.

| Exclusion Category | Scenario | Criteria to return to school |
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| Diagnosis | Person has tested positive with an antigen test but does not have symptoms of COVID-19 and is not known to be a close contact to someone diagnosed with COVID-19. | <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>The person is not required to have documentation of a negative test in order to return to school.</p> |
| Symptoms | Person has symptoms of COVID-19 and has tested positive with an antigen test or PCR/molecular test | <p>Person can return to school when</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It has been at least 5 days after the first day of symptoms; AND• It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); AND• Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. <p>The person is not required to have documentation of a negative test in order to return to school.</p> |
| Symptoms | Person has symptoms of COVID-19 but has not been tested for COVID-19 nor has visited a health care provider. Therefore, the person who has symptoms is presumed positive for COVID-19 due to the presence of a clinically compatible illness in the absence of testing. | <p>Person can return to school when</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It has been at least 5 days after the first day of symptoms; AND• It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); AND• Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. <p>The person is not required to have documentation of a negative test in order to return to school.</p> |

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| Symptoms | <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 an alternate diagnosis 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 if the person has a low likelihood of SARS-CoV-2 infection (e.g., the person has no known or suspected exposure to a person with COVID-19 within the last 14 days or is fully vaccinated). See CDC antigen algorithm for interpretation of antigen tests</p> | <p>Person can return to school when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); AND • They have felt well for at least 24 hours. <p>Note: The health care provider is not required to detail the specifics of the alternate diagnosis.</p> |
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- 1. Is there any type of leave for persons that are quarantined?** Yes, code 24 can be used for positive cases. Check and verify with Mr. Clary before using to ensure accuracy. There are limitations on days and who can use the leave.
- 2. Contact Tracing:** Individual contact tracing and exclusion from school after an identified exposure (regardless of location of exposure) is **no longer recommended, effective February 14, 2022**, if the person(s) are asymptomatic and regardless of Vaccination status.
- 3. Iso Trackers:** Schools/Departments will continue to use ISO trackers for internal data collection for personnel and student accountability only.
- 4. Code 1R for absences:** Schools are no longer excluding students who are considered exposed asymptomatic, therefore, code 1R should only be used for positive and symptomatic students. If parents choose to keep asymptomatic students out that have been exposed, then this would count as a 'parent note'.
- 5. Symptoms:** Fever or chills • Cough • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Fatigue • Muscle or body aches • Headache • New loss of taste or smell • Sore throat • Congestion or runny nose • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhea