

Needham Public Schools

Updated RUVNA Health Attestation for Families/Students Effective May 20, 2022

The Health Attestation/Screening (RUVNA) has been updated to reflect the [updated symptom list per DESE and DPH](#). While previous guidance provided a different symptom list for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, the updated symptom list applies to all individuals, regardless of vaccination status. The symptoms list is included at the bottom of this message for your reference.

The change to the Health Attestation/Screening (RUVNA) may result in more individuals failing the screening due to mild symptoms. Students who fail the screening should take a COVID test and if negative **may** be able to come to school. We have added information to the [COVID Protocol Updates for Students/Families](#) (also included below) to assist staff who fail the screening. The link to the [COVID Protocol Updates for Students/Families](#) is also included in the fail message of the Health Attestation/Screening (RUVNA).

GUIDANCE FOR FAILED HEALTH ATTESTATION/SCREENING (RUVNA)

Failed Screening due to testing positive - Follow [Isolation Guidance](#)

Failed Screening due to exposure to COVID and not fully immunized - Follow [Quarantine Guidance](#)

Failed Screening due to symptoms only - Take a COVID Test!

If Test is negative, your child can return to school if ...

- No fever or vomiting for 24 hours
- Symptoms are improving (they are starting to feel better)
- Test daily if symptoms continue, worsen, or a new symptom appears

If Test is positive, follow [Isolation Guidance](#)

Symptom list for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals:

- Fever over 100°F and/or chills
- Difficulty breathing and/or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body aches
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat (*in combination with other symptoms*)
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea (*in combination with other symptoms*)
- Fatigue (*in combination with other symptoms*)
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (*in combination with other symptoms*)
- Headache (*in combination with other symptoms*)