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COVID SYMPTOMS (revised 2-3-22)

My child has COVID symptoms - when can they return to school?

Since the symptom your child is experiencing is on the CDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) list, your child will have to follow the return-to-school protocol as per the New York State Department of Health's (NYSDOH) guidance. To return to school we will need one of the items listed below and symptom improvement & 24 hrs without a fever/diarrhea/vomiting.

One of the following is required:

1. **Proof of a negative COVID-19 test.** Both molecular (PCR, NAAT) and antigen ("rapid") tests are currently acceptable. **Home tests are now permitted but with the following conditions noted:**

The following rules apply to home test kits:

- a. **Your child cannot return to school until 24 hours** following the negative home test kit **AND** your child's symptoms must be improved & fever free 24 hours without the use of medications such as Tylenol or Advil. For example, if your child was tested at home at 10:00am on Monday, they could not return to school until Tuesday 10:00am for a second test.
- b. **You must complete the affirmation/attestation form.** This form documents your child's home test results and also provides permission for the school nurse to test your child in school 24 hours after the home test. The form can be found here: https://pvcschoolnurse.weebly.com/uploads/4/3/7/2/43725439/covid_test_result_affirmati_on_and_consent_to_test_4859-5005-0571_v.1.pdf
- c. **Your child must bring the attestation form with them to school and go directly to the nurse's office.** They may not go anywhere else in the school building until they have been tested by the nurse.
- d. **If your child tests positive upon return to school,** you must be available to pick them up immediately.
- e. **Home test kits can be obtained from the welcome center** at your child's school between 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00-3:30pm daily. If you are picking up your child from school due to COVID symptoms and need a test kit, please let the welcome center aide know.

OR,

2. **A medical clearance note from the healthcare provider.** The note must include an alternate diagnosis. If your child has previously tested positive in the last 90 days, please choose this option. **IMPORTANT - If your child has tested positive in the last 90 days,** please seek written medical clearance from your child's healthcare provider for a non COVID diagnosis, instead of a COVID test. There is an increased chance that if your child tested positive within 90 days, that they will test positive again. **If they test positive, they will need to quarantine.**

OR,

3. **Keep your child home for a 5 day quarantine, starting on the day of symptom onset.** This option is for when a doctor's note or a covid test cannot be acquired in a timely manner.

AND

In addition to any one of the above, your child will also need to be at least 24 hours fever-free (no temperature 100 or greater) without the use of fever-reducing medicines. At least 24 hours without any diarrhea or vomiting. Your child's symptoms should be improved. [Return to the top](#)

SIBLING HAS COVID SYMPTOMS

One of my children is absent due to COVID symptoms, but we have not received test results yet. Can my other child(ren) attend?

- Yes, for now. However they must be symptom free and not currently being tracked for any prior symptoms that are pending test results. If your child who is absent due to COVID symptoms tests positive, all siblings would need to stay home until they are also tested. If they are in school, they would need to be picked up to get tested. Please refer to the attached chart for instructions.
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TESTED POSITIVE

When can my child who tested positive return to school?

- **Students who test positive, must quarantine for a minimum of 5 days**, beginning the day after symptoms started. If your child never had symptoms, it begins the day after your child tested positive. If your child develops their first symptoms after testing positive, the quarantine would start over again, beginning the day that symptoms began. In addition, your child must be 24 hours symptom free without the use of fever lowering medications and symptoms must have improved.
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SIBLING TESTED POSITIVE

One of my children tested positive, when can the sibling(s) attend school?

- **Siblings who are fully vaccinated, and symptom free**, can return after you have provided the health office with a copy of their negative **COVID test** (PCR, molecular, antigen and home test okay for this). If you elect to use a home test and it is positive, you must follow up with a healthcare provider to document the results.
 - **If the sibling tests positive** please refer to page 1 (When can my child who tested positive return to school?)
 - **If the sibling tests negative**, they may return to school after the health office has received a copy of the negative test results. In addition you must continue to monitor the sibling for any symptoms and keep them home if they develop any. If they develop any symptoms -refer to the question at top of page 1 (My child has COVID symptoms - when can they return to school?)
 - **Siblings who are NOT fully vaccinated** must quarantine for 5 days, beginning the day after exposure. Remote learning will be provided. It takes about 24 hours during school days to arrange remote learning. At PVC it is set up by [Lauren Scollins](#) .
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Is a rapid home test accepted for my child who has COVID symptoms?

- For students with COVID symptoms home tests are now permitted but with the following rules:

The following rules apply to home test kits only for students with COVID symptoms:

- 1) **Your child cannot return to school until 24 hours** following the negative home test kit **AND** your child's symptoms must be improved & fever free 24 hours without the use of medications such as Tylenol or Advil. For example, if your child was tested at home at 10:00am on Monday, they could not return to school until Tuesday 10:00am for a second test.
- 2) **You must complete the affirmation/attestation form.** This form documents your child's home test results and also provides permission for the school nurse to test your child in school, 24 hours after the home test. The form can be found here: https://pvcschoolnurse.weebly.com/uploads/4/3/7/2/43725439/covid_test_result_affirmation_and_consent_to_test_4859-5005-0571_v.1.pdf
- 3) **Your child must bring the attestation form with them to school and go directly to the nurse's office.** They may not go anywhere else in the school building until they have been tested by the nurse.
- 4) **If your child tests positive upon return to school,** you must be available to pick them up immediately.
- 5) In addition to one of the above, your child will also need to have their symptoms improved and be at least 24 hours vomit, diarrhea and fever free without fever lowering medications.

Is a rapid home test accepted for my child who is SYMPTOM FREE and was exposed to COVID by a positive household member?

- Any COVID test, including rapid home tests are accepted for symptom free fully vaccinated students (2 weeks post second vaccination), who were exposed to a COVID by a positive household member. Any type of test is permitted (PCR, NAAT/molecular, home kit). Note - no forms or additional **requirements are necessary for the fully vaccinated symptom free student.**

FREE HOME TEST KITS

Where can I get a free home test kit?

- **Home test kits can be obtained from the welcome center** at your child's school between 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00-3:30pm daily. If you are picking up your child from school due to COVID symptoms and need a test kit, please let the welcome center aide know.

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HOUSEHOLD EXPOSURE

My child(ren) was exposed to a positive case at home. When can they return to school?

- **NOT VACCINATED** -If your child is NOT vaccinated for COVID (2 weeks post second dose) and was exposed to a positive household member, they must quarantine for 5 days, starting the day after exposure.
- **FULLY VACCINATED AND BOOSTED** -, Please make sure the health office has a copy of all vaccination records, including the booster. If your child is symptom free and fully vaccinated & boosted, **you must provide a negative COVID test before your child may return in person.** (PCR,molecular, or antigen tests are permitted (home test is okay for this purpose))
- **UNDER AGE 12 - FULLY VACCINATED BUT NOT BOOSTED** Please make sure the health office has a copy of all vaccination records. If your child is symptom free **you must provide a negative COVID test before your child may return in person.** (PCR,molecular, or antigen tests are permitted (labelled photo of home test is okay for this purpose.))
- **AGE 12 AND UP - FULLY VACCINATED BUT NOT BOOSTED** - **If your child is 12 years old or older, and is fully vaccinated for COVID but is not boosted**
Please make sure the school health office has a copy of all vaccination records. If your child is symptom free and fully vaccinated (but not boosted), they may attend school but refer to the information below for additional restrictions.:

Quarantine for Vaccinated But Not Boosted Individuals Age 12+ Who Are Exposed to a Positive COVID Individual: as a reminder, if a child age 12 or older has been vaccinated but not boosted, and is exposed to a COVID-positive individual, that child can continue to attend school, as long as he/she/they are not showing symptoms. However, that child should quarantine outside of school and should be watched for development of symptoms. While there continues to be updates regarding COVID-19 protocols from the State, the current protocols can be found here:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/new-york-state-contact-tracing>.

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BUS OR SCHOOL COVID EXPOSURE

My child was exposed to a positive case at school or on the bus. When can they return to school?

- **FULLY VACCINATED AND BOOSTED** - If your child is fully vaccinated and boosted for COVID, Please make sure the health office has a copy of all vaccination records, including the booster. If your child is symptom free and fully vaccinated, they may attend school.
- **AGE 12 AND UP - FULLY VACCINATED BUT NOT BOOSTED** - If your child is 12 years old or older, and is fully vaccinated for COVID but is not boosted
Please make sure the school health office has a copy of all vaccination records. If your child is symptom free and fully vaccinated (but not boosted), they may attend school but refer to the information below for additional restrictions.:
 - **Quarantine for Vaccinated But Not Boosted Individuals Age 12+ Who Are Exposed to a Positive COVID Individual:** as a reminder, if a child age 12 or older has been vaccinated but not boosted, and is exposed to a COVID-positive individual, that child can continue to attend school, as long as he/she/they are not showing symptoms. However, that child should quarantine outside of school and should be watched for development of symptoms. While there continues to be updates regarding COVID-19 protocols from the State, the current protocols can be found here:
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/new-york-state-contact-tracing>.
- **NOT VACCINATED - TEST TO STAY OR QUARANTINE.** If your child is **NOT vaccinated for COVID (2 weeks post second dose)** and was exposed in school or on the bus, they may attend if they participate in the **Test To Stay** program.
 - Please contact Lauren Scollins for further information on how to sign up for this.
OR **If your child does not participate in the Test To Stay program**, they must **quarantine for for 5 days** beginning the day after exposure. Remote learning would be available. Please contact Lauren Scollins for further details.

TEST TO STAY

Who can participate in the Test To Stay (TTS) program?

Students who were exposed to a positive COVID case **IN SCHOOL or ON THE BUS**, and who are symptom free and are **NOT VACCINATED** - may participate in the TEST TO STAY program. **If your child was exposed to a positive case at home, the TTS program is not an option.** Please contact Lauren Scollins for further information on how to sign up for this.

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TESTED POSITIVE IN THE LAST 90 DAYS

My child tested positive in the last 90 days for COVID and now has COVID symptoms. When can they return?

Since the symptom your child is experiencing is on the CDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) list, your child will have to follow the return-to-school protocol as per the New York State Department of Health's (NYSDOH) guidance:

- **Seek medical clearance from your child's healthcare provider.** A medical clearance note from the healthcare provider will allow your child to return. COVID tests may also be used to clear a child to return, however may come back positive again, since your child tested positive in the last 90 days. If it comes back positive your child will need to follow COVID protocols. Please follow up with your healthcare provider if your child has tested positive in the last 90 days and now has symptoms.

OR

- **Keep your child home for a 5 day quarantine, starting on the day of symptom onset.** This option is for when a doctor's note or a covid test cannot be acquired in a timely manner.

In addition to one of the above, your child will also need:

- **At least 24 hours fever-free (no temperature 100 or greater) without the use of fever-reducing medicines.** At least 24 hours without any diarrhea or vomiting.
- **Improvement of symptoms.** Your child's symptoms should be improved. They should be able to comfortably participate in their classes.

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NAVIGATING REMOTE LEARNING

Is remote learning available while I wait for test results?

- Remote learning is only available for those students who test positive or who are quarantined. If you have additional questions, please contact Lauren Scollins at PVC.
- For those that are positive or quarantined, it takes about 24 hours to set up remote learning. Please have your student check their email for links from [Lauren Scollins](#).

Who is allowed to have remote learning and when will my child have access to it?

- Remote learning is only available for those students who test positive or who are quarantined. If you have additional questions, please contact Lauren Scollins at PVC.
- For those that are positive or quarantined, it takes about 24 school day hours to set up remote learning. Please have your student check their email for links from Lauren Scollins. If you do not receive links after 24 hours, please contact Lauren Scollins.

If my child is attending remotely how is attendance recorded?

- **First 24 hours.** Your child will be marked “Absent excused” until remote learning is set up (it takes about 24 hours and is set up by Lauren Scollins)
- **Present/Absent** -After remote learning is set up, teachers will take attendance for each period your child is present online. If your child’s camera is off, or a student does not respond, the teacher may mark your child as absent.
- **My child is having trouble logging into remote learning** - If the links provided by Lauren Scollins are not working, or you have not received them after 24 hours, please contact [Lauren Scollins](#).
- **My child is too ill to log on to remote learning** If your child is too ill on a certain day or period to participate in remote learning, please notify the PVC attendance aide, so that the attendance can be updated as absent-excused due to illness.

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