

# COVID-19 Safety Measures For K-12 Schools



Student was **exposed**  
(regardless of vaccination  
status or location of  
exposure)

Does the student  
have symptoms?

Stay home and  
take an antigen  
test

Yes

No

The student can continue going to school and participating in extracurricular activities.

Students should get tested 3-5 days after exposure, unless they had COVID-19 within the last 90 days.

**Students who test positive should follow the Isolation Flowchart.**

**COVID-19 can feel like a cold, allergies, or the flu and include any of the following:**

- Fever and Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Difficulty Breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle/Body Aches
- Headaches
- New Loss of Taste
- New Loss of Smell
- Sore Throat
- Congestion
- Runny Nose
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

Student **tests positive** for  
COVID-19

Isolate for the first 5 days

By **Day 5**, have the student's  
symptoms improved **AND** have they  
been fever-free for 24 hours without  
fever-reducing medication?

No

Yes

Stay in isolation  
until student feels  
better **AND** test is  
negative or until 10  
days have passed  
since symptoms  
started

Take an  
**antigen** test  
on Day 5

+  
Test

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Test



The student can return as early as  
Day 6

The student can return to all  
extracurricular activities.

**If no known COVID-19 exposures but students or staff have symptoms, they are advised to stay home until all these criteria are met:**

1. At least 24 hours have passed since fever-free without using fever-reducing medication **AND**
2. Other symptoms have improved **AND**
3. They have a negative COVID-19 test **OR** a healthcare provider note with an alternate diagnosis **OR** at least 10 days have passed since symptoms started

If the student or staff member tests positive, follow isolation recommendations