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COVID-19 Return to School Protocol

When should students stay home and when can they return to school?

SITUATION	YOUR CHILD MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
Positive COVID-19 Test		
Has your child had a positive COVID-19 test?	After 10-day isolation <u>AND</u> 24 hours without fever (without fever-reducing medication) <u>AND</u> improvement in symptoms.	None
Symptoms and Known Exposure		
Does your child have COVID-19 symptoms after recent exposure to an individual with confirmed COVID-19?	After 10-day isolation <u>AND</u> 24 hours without fever (without fever-reducing medication) <u>AND</u> improvement in symptoms.	None
Known Exposure		
Has your child been within six feet for 15 minutes or greater to an individual with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?	After 14-day quarantine (if individual never developed symptoms). Seek guidance from health department if exposure was household contact. If symptoms developed, individual must complete isolation as above.	None
No Known Exposure and 1 Low-Risk Symptom		
<p>Does your child have no known exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19 <u>AND</u> only ONE low-risk symptom:</p> <p>LOW-RISK SYMPTOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestion/runny nose • Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea • Sore throat • Headache • Body aches 	After improvement of symptoms.	None



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SITUATION	YOUR CHILD MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
No Known Exposure AND 2+ Low-Risk OR 1+ High-Risk Symptom		
<p>Does your child have no known exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19 <u>AND</u> TWO or more of the following low-risk <u>OR</u> ONE or more of the following high-risk symptoms?</p> <p>LOW-RISK SYMPTOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestion/runny nose • Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea • Sore throat • Headache • Body aches <p>HIGH-RISK SYMPTOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough • Difficulty breathing • Loss of taste/smell • Fever 100.0 or greater 	<p>THREE OPTIONS FOR WHEN YOUR CHILD MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After 24 hours without a fever (without fever-reducing medication) <u>AND</u> improvement in symptoms with a negative COVID-19 test after symptoms began. <p>OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. After 24 hours without a fever (without fever-reducing medication) <u>AND</u> improvement in symptoms with written documentation from a licensed medical provider with a diagnosis that the symptoms were caused by a condition other than COVID-19. See examples of acceptable diagnoses in third column. <p>OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. After 10-day isolation <u>AND</u> 24 hours without a fever (without fever-reducing medication) <u>AND</u> improvement in symptoms. 	<p>DOCUMENTATION IS BASED UPON WHICH RETURN TO SCHOOL OPTION CHOSEN IN COLUMN 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proof of negative COVID-19 test after symptoms began. 2. Documentation from licensed medical provider with an acceptable diagnosis that symptoms were caused by a condition other than COVID-19. <p><i>Examples of acceptable diagnoses include fever due to urinary tract infection, strep (confirmed by a positive strep test), rash from poison ivy, etc. Diagnoses of respiratory and viral conditions such as allergic rhinitis, seasonal allergies, upper respiratory tract infection (URI), pneumonia, pharyngitis, viral illness, etc., DO NOT exclude the diagnosis of COVID-19 and DO NOT justify return to school.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. No documentation required.

Sources:

The procedures in the above chart are based on the Return to School Algorithm from the Tennessee Department of Health: https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/TDH_Return_to_School_Algorithm.pdf

The Tennessee Department of Health's specific guidelines for releasing individuals from isolation and quarantine are detailed on the following website: <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/Isolation-QuarantineRelease.pdf>