

FLOWCHART FOR COVID-19 SCENARIOS

Staff/Student COVID-like Symptoms at Home



- Regardless of vaccination status, a staff/students must have **two** negative Over-the-Counter (OTC) tests taken 36 hours apart or **one** lab negative antigen or NAAT test.
- A signed attestation must be presented to school before the individual may return
- In addition to a negative test individuals must be well enough to:
 - Participate in school
 - Not have a runny nose or cough
 - Be fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medications



- There is no exemption to the testing requirements for symptomatic individuals
- Individuals with symptoms that are attributable to pre-existing medical conditions (e.g., migraines, allergies) and are not new or worsening do not require school exclusion or testing
- If a healthcare provider makes a diagnosis of a confirmed non-COVID-19 acute illness and COVID-19 is not suspected, then a note signed by the healthcare provider explaining the alternate diagnosis may be provided to participate in school without COVID-19 testing



Upon Return to School/Work

- Follow all COVID-19 protocols regarding masking, social distancing and hand hygiene
 - Use a well-fitting mask, surgical or KN95 mask is recommended
- If symptoms return or get worse, remain out of school/work until above criteria can be met and the process above restarts

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Staff/Student has Direct COVID-19 Exposure and is Asymptomatic



- If staff/students are up-to-date on their COVID-19 vaccinations, they may come to school
- If staff/students tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days, they may come to school
- If staff/students are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccination and has not tested positive in the last 90 days, they will need one negative lab antigen or NAAT test or 2 negative OTC or be excluded from school for at least five days after last close contact.



For example:

- Day 0: Date of exposure
- Days 1-5: Stay Home
- Day 6: Return to school as long as no symptoms have developed
- State guidance states that all individuals should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a full 10 days following the date of exposure.



If staff/students test positive for COVID-19 at any time, including following an exposure, the procedures for positive case applies

If Staff/Students Have Any **ONE** of the Following Symptoms, They **MUST** Stay Home



- Fever greater than 100°F
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion-stuffy and/or runny nose
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

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Based on CDC/NYSDOH Guidance on 12/23/2021, 12/24/2021, 1/4/2022, 1/10/2022 and 1/13/2022

POSITIVE CASE OF COVID-19 IS CONFIRMED (RAPID, OTC)

Regardless if symptomatic or not

- Regardless of vaccination status, staff/students that tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate for a full five days. They may return to school after day five if they are asymptomatic or if symptoms are resolving.
- For example:
 - Day 0: Symptom onset or tested positive
 - Day 1-5: Stay home
 - Day 6: Return to school if asymptomatic, or if symptoms are resolving.
- If staff/students test positive for COVID-19 and took an Over-the Counter (i.e., at home, take-home) antigen test, parents/guardians should report the results to the local department of health.

- In order for staff/students who have tested positive and have had symptoms to return to school after five days, they must:
 - Be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication
 - Have not lost their sense of taste or smell
 - Have no runny nose
 - Have no more than an infrequent, nonproductive cough that is not getting worse
 - Have not experienced excessive or unusual fatigue
 - Have no persistent headache or muscle aches
 - Have no nausea, diarrhea or vomiting for at least two hours
- State guidance states that all individuals should wear a well-fitting mask around others (e.g. at home, in public) **for a full 6-10 days following the first day of symptoms (or the date of a positive test, if the student is asymptomatic)**
- Anyone who is moderately or severely immunocompromised should follow the standard 10-day isolation guidance issued previously

COVID-19 tests are available at school, please contact Diane Roseberger at 518-465-4561 ext. 109