

COVID-19 Return to School/Work Guidance: Following a Positive Symptom Screen



This decision tool is NOT intended for cases or close contacts of COVID-19. A lab confirmed COVID-19 case or close contact should follow public health isolation or quarantine instructions for return to school or work.

Start

Does fever still persist after 48 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication), or are signs and symptoms still present after 48 hours?

Yes

Individual must consult with a medical provider before returning to school.

Did medical provider recommend COVID-19 testing?

Yes

Was the COVID-19 test result positive?

Signs & symptoms to watch for:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Loss of taste or smell
- Headache, muscle ache
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Runny nose/congestion
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea

No

Is there an alternate diagnosis that explains symptoms?

Yes

No

No

Yes

No

Follow regular return-to-school illness policies.

Follow guidance from medical professional on return to school.

Follow home isolation guidelines as instructed by health dept staff.

