

## CAN MY CHILD ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY?

If your child has any of the following symptoms they can not attend school:

- Temperature of 100.0 degrees or greater
- Feel feverish or have chills
- Cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Fatigue/feeling of tiredness
- Shortness of breath/ trouble breathing
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Muscle pain or aches
- Headaches
- Nasal congestion/runny nose

The 4 scenarios listed below explain how your child may return to school after having COVID-19 symptoms:

1. Your child sees a healthcare provider and has a **positive COVID-19** diagnostic test. Your child needs to be out of school for at least 10 days after the onset of symptoms and be fever free without the use of fever reducing medications for 72 hours before returning to school. **Immediately notify your school nurse.** You must provide the nurse with a letter from your healthcare provider or the DOH clearing your child to return to school.
2. Your child sees a healthcare provider and has a **negative COVID-19** diagnostic test, there has been an improvement in symptoms and has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications. Please provide the school nurse with a copy of the negative result **or** MD note stating a negative result.
3. Your child's healthcare provider provides an alternative diagnosis of a chronic health condition or acute illness **and** the healthcare provider provides a clearance to return to school.
4. If a COVID-19 diagnostic test is recommended but not done and no alternative diagnosis is provided by your healthcare provider; then your child must remain in isolation at home at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms, have improving symptoms and be fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication for 72 hours before returning to school. Please provide the school nurse with a clearance from your healthcare provider to return to school.

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