

Protocol for Exposed Individuals

As an individual that was exposed or potentially exposed to a COVID positive case, you are encouraged (but not required) to use this home test kit as follows:

- Using test kits provided by the District, the student should be tested at home **twice** during the five-day period following exposure. Testing should occur **immediately** after learning of the exposure (Day 0) and then again on **Day 5** prior to the start of the school day (e.g., if the date of exposure was Thursday, the first test should be administered on Thursday/Day 0 and the second test should be administered in the morning on Tuesday/Day 5).
- If the test result is **negative and there are no symptoms**, your child may attend school that day. NYSDOH recommends that exposed individuals wear masks in public settings such as schools for 10 days following exposure (suggested, not required).
- If the result is **positive**:
 - Your child should stay home and follow all isolation guidance from the NYS Department of Health. Also, the positive result should be reported to the school by emailing covid@cairodurham.org as well as the Greene County Public Health Department at www.greenegovernment.com/report-positive-covid-test
 - In accordance with the new state guidance, individuals who test positive must wear a mask upon returning to school from isolation during Days 6-10 after COVID-19 infection. If the individual fails to comply with this requirement, they cannot return to school until the end of the 10-day period.
- If the exposed contact develops symptoms during the 10-day period following exposure, they must be immediately excluded from school, get tested, and follow isolation guidance. Symptomatic students can return to school when they receive a negative test result and have no symptoms/fever for 24 hours (without medication).
- Individuals with lab-confirmed COVID-19 within the past 3 months do not need to get tested unless they develop symptoms.