

**Herrin CUSD#4**  
**Return to School/Work Flowchart**  
**Following a COVID-19 related absence**  
 Revised 10-15-20

**A medical evaluation and COVID-19 diagnostic testing is strongly recommended for all persons with any COVID-19 like symptoms.**

<b>Status</b>	Individual has had <b>Close Contact</b> with someone who tested <b>POSITIVE</b> or is Suspected of having COVID-19*	Individual has <b>Tested Positive</b> or is <b>Suspected of</b> having COVID-19 <b><u>AND had symptoms</u></b>	Individual <b>Tested Positive</b> for COVID-19 but Had <b><u>NO Symptoms</u></b>	Individual Exhibits <b>ONE or More Symptoms</b> with clinical evaluation and/or diagnostic testing	Individual Exhibits <b>ONE or More Symptoms</b> without diagnostic testing or clinical evaluation
<b>Return to school guidelines</b>	May return <b>AFTER 14 Day Quarantine Period</b> (from date of Last Contact with Individual) and Resolution of fever (without fever-reducing medication) and no diarrhea/vomiting for 48 hours along with improvement of all other symptoms *If COVID-19 symptoms develop then follow the 14 day isolation period and testing is recommended	<b>May return AFTER</b> (1) At LEAST 14 days have passed since onset of symptoms <b><u>AND</u></b> (2) At LEAST 48 hours since resolution of Fever (without fever-reducing medication) <b><u>AND</u></b> improvement of all other symptoms	May return AFTER at least 14 days have passed since date of the First Positive COVID-19 test	<i>Some Examples: Seasonal Allergies, Ear Infection, Strep Throat, Migraine, Seasonal Flu, ETC</i>  <b>May return AFTER 48 hours</b> since improvement of symptoms <b><u>WITH DOCUMENTATION.</u></b>	<b>May return AFTER</b> (1) 14 days of isolation <b><u>AND</u></b> (2) 48 hours since resolution of symptoms
<b>Documentation required to return to school</b>	'Release from Quarantine' letter issued by Local Health Department and provided to parent/guardian or individual	'Release from Isolation' letter issued by Local Health Department and provided to parent/guardian or individual	'Release from Isolation' letter issued by Local Health Department and provided to parent/guardian or individual	<b>Healthcare Provider's note stating no clinical suspicion for COVID-19 AND alternative diagnosis OR Negative RT-PCR test** result</b>	Letter signed and dated from parent stating that student has been symptom free for at least 48 hours

Above information subject to change following Updated Guidance from CDC, IDPH or Local Health Department	Only RT-PCR test results will be accepted per Illinois state protocol
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Individuals may be sent home or denied entry (and provided remote instruction) if **ANY** of the following symptoms are present: Fever (100.4 F or greater), Headache, Shortness of Breath, Cough, Sore Throat, Nausea/Vomiting, Diarrhea, Fatigue, Unexplained Rash, Muscle/Body Aches, New Loss of Taste or Smell, Chills, Nasal Congestion

Based on available data and science, schools must make local decisions informed by local context in consultation with the local public health department.  
Severely immunocompromised or severely ill may need to isolate for 20 days as per guidance from an individual's infectious disease physician.  
If an individual has been identified by public health for quarantine or knows they are a close contact to a case, the 14-calendar-day quarantine must be completed.  
Consider quarantine for other close contacts if there was poor adherence to social distancing or use of face coverings.  
Contacts to close contacts of a case do not need to be excluded unless the close contact becomes a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case.

\*Individuals who tested COVID-19 positive within the past 3 months by PCR or Antigen test should not have a suspicion of COVID-19 reinfection, and therefore, do not need to be excluded, isolated or quarantined for a period of 3 months prior to onset date or specimen collection date if asymptomatic.

\*\*Negative COVID-19 diagnostic tests are valid only for the date they are collected; specimens collected more than 48 hours prior to symptom onset are not counted for determining school exclusion status.