

# COVID-19 Decision Tree for Student or Staff with Symptoms

for TK-12 schools, youth programs/activities, and child care

Current as of 9/27/21



Student or staff has any of the following NEW symptoms, regardless of vaccination status:

- Fever of 100.4 or more
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Keep or send student or staff home

EITHER

Test for COVID-19 with either FDA-approved rapid/antigen/home or PCR test, or stay home for 10 days

See a healthcare provider for an alternate diagnosis (such as strep throat, migraines, seasonal allergies, etc.) or proof of underlying condition.

Information about where to obtain a test for COVID-19 can be found on Marin County's HHS website:  
<https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/testing>

To determine if the rapid/home/antigen test is FDA approved, click this text.

Does the student have symptoms and participate in a high risk activity such as sports or music, or are they being tested at school by public health staff? (See quarantine guide for more info on high risk activities)

POSITIVE

NEGATIVE

**ISOLATION:** Student or staff must isolate from others in their home (if possible) for 10 days. They may return on Day 11 after symptoms started if without fever for 24hrs without the use of medication and symptoms have significantly improved. If student/staff did not have symptoms before testing positive, isolation begins on day of positive test taken. There is no need for a subsequent test.

The student must take a PCR test within 24 hours of the rapid test to confirm negative results.

**NEGATIVE PCR/NAAT or RAPID TEST:** Student/staff may return to school with proof of negative test or note from health provider if without fever for 24hrs without medication and symptoms have significantly improved. Some alternate diagnoses may require students to stay home for more than 24-48 hours, see your school's RN or administrator for more information.

**CONTACT TRACING:** Report to your school or program. School/program staff should report to public health. Identify all close contacts (who were within 6ft of positive person for more than 15 minutes over 24hr period) on the day of last exposure, any days the staff/student were symptomatic at school or program, and for 2 days prior to when symptoms began. If no symptoms, assess contacts for 2 days prior to and including the day the positive test was taken (not results received), and any days at school following the date of test taken. Follow exposure protocols according to setting.

Did the positive person have close contact with others while at a TK-12 school or supervised youth program/activity?

YES

NO

Go to tree for exposures in TK-12 schools and youth programs/activities

Go to tree for exposures in child care and households/communities