

Can My Child Go To School Today?

Check Your Child Daily for [COVID-like symptoms](#)

Child has COVID-19 Exposure

Lives in a household with or had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 or showing [COVID-like symptoms](#). Close contact is defined as within 6 feet for any period greater than 10 minutes.

Do not attend school

Child is displaying a [COVID-like illness](#).

Do not attend school

Child has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis – regardless of symptoms

Do not attend school

No COVID-like Symptoms
No COVID-like Exposure
No COVID-19 Diagnosis

Attend school wearing mask

1. Contact your school to let them know why your child will not be attending school today
2. Contact your healthcare provider for guidance
3. Quarantine your child at home
4. Follow the guidance for [When Can My Child Return to School?](#)

When Can My Child Return to School?

COVID-19 Diagnosis	COVID-Like Symptoms	COVID-19 or COVID-Like Exposure
<p>Your child tested positive for COVID-19, including cases where there were no evident symptoms</p>	<p>Your child experienced <u>COVID-Like symptoms</u></p>	<p>Your child lives in a household with or had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 or showing <u>COVID-like symptoms</u>. Close contact is defined as within 6 feet for 15 or more minutes over a 24-hour period</p>
<p>It has been at least 10 days since onset of symptoms AND Student meets IMS' normal criteria for return after an illness (which includes fever free, vomiting and diarrhea free for more than 24 hours without medication) AND Symptoms are improving</p>	<p>Initial COVID-19 testing is negative and individual meets the school's normal criteria for return after an illness (fever free, vomiting and diarrhea free for more than 24 hours without medication) OR A clinician has evaluated the child and documented an alternative diagnosis and confirmed that the student may return to school. OR COVID-19 testing was not done and <u>all</u> of the following are true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At least 14 days since the onset of symptoms AND 2. Fever-free off anti-fever medicine for 72 hours AND 3. Symptoms are improving. 	<p>14 days have passed since last close contact with COVID-19 positive person</p> <p>May return to school if COVID-19 diagnosis is ruled out in the person child was exposed to</p>

COVID-Like Illness

A COVID-like illness is defined as:		
At least ONE of these symptoms		At least TWO of these symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New or persistent cough• Shortness of breath• New loss of sense of smell• New loss of sense of taste	OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever• Chills• Muscle pain• Headache• Sore throat• Nausea/vomiting• Diarrhea• Fatigue• Congestion/runny nose

Because understandings of and guidance for the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, please check [here](#) for updated information about symptoms and screening from the Pennsylvania Department of Education