

GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS (K-12) AND SCHOOL BUSES

Appendix B: Management of Individuals who are Symptomatic and/or Tested for COVID-19

Symptoms	COVID-19 Test Result:	Management of Individual:
Symptomatic	Positive PCR test or rapid take-home test	Fully vaccinated staff (i.e. staff who have received the complete vaccine series for COVID-19 and it has been 14 days after the second dose in a two dose series, or one dose in a one dose series (i.e. Janssen vaccine)) or student (2 doses of mRNA vaccine): Isolate for 5 days from the start of symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is longer, if symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition - For up to five days following their isolation, all fully vaccinated individuals must wear masks whenever they are in a public place and/or in the company of another person (no exceptions permitted). If schools find this operationally challenging to accommodate, the consistent use of a 10 day absence prior to return, for both immunized and non-immunized cases, is an acceptable approach. Not fully vaccinated: Isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is longer, if symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition.
	Negative PCR test	Fully vaccinated staff (i.e. staff who have received the complete vaccine series for COVID-19 and it has been 14 days after the second dose in a two dose series, or one dose in a one dose series (i.e. Janssen vaccine)) or student (2 doses of mRNA vaccine): Stay home until symptoms resolve, before cautiously resuming normal activities. Not fully vaccinated: Stay home until symptoms resolve, if symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition, before cautiously resuming normal activities.
	Negative rapid take-home test	NOTE: A negative test result does not rule out infection. Continue monitoring your symptoms and following public health guidelines. Isolate immediately for 24 hours.

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		Take second rapid test in 24-48 hours: - If negative, continue isolating until symptoms resolve before cautiously resuming normal activities. - If positive, continue isolation: - Fully vaccinated: 5 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer, plus 5 days of wearing a mask at all times whenever they are in public place and/or in the company of another person (no exceptions permitted). If schools find this operationally challenging to accommodate, the consistent use of a 10 day absence prior to return, for both immunized and non-immunized cases, is an acceptable approach - Not fully vaccinated: 10 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer
	Not tested	Student: If symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath or loss of sense of taste/smell, follow instructions for symptomatic positive above. Adult: If symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of taste/smell or runny nose, follow instructions for symptomatic positive above. Student: If other symptoms (chills, sore throat/painful swallowing, runny nose/congestion, feeling unwell/fatigued, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, unexplained loss of appetite, muscle/joint aches, headache or conjunctivitis): - ONE symptom: stay home, monitor for 24h. If improves, return when well enough to go (testing not necessary). - TWO symptoms OR ONE symptom that persists or worsens: Stay home until symptom(s) resolve Adult: If other symptoms, stay home until symptoms resolve.
Asymptomatic	Positive PCR test	Fully vaccinated staff (i.e. staff who have received the complete vaccine series for COVID-19 and it has been 14 days after the second dose in a two dose series, or one dose in a one dose series (i.e. Janssen vaccine)) or student (2 doses of mRNA vaccine): Isolate for 5 days from the collection date of the swab or from the date when the PCR test was completed. For up to five days following their isolation, all fully vaccinated individuals must wear masks whenever they are in a public

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Symptoms	COVID-19 Test Result:	Management of Individual:
		place and/or in the company of another person (no exceptions permitted). If schools find this operationally challenging to accommodate, the consistent use of a 10 day absence prior to return, for both immunized and non-immunized cases, is an acceptable approach. Not fully vaccinated: Isolate for 10 days from the collection date of the swab or from the date when the PCR test was completed.
	Positive Rapid take-home test	Fully vaccinated staff (i.e. staff who have received the complete vaccine series for COVID-19 and it has been 14 days after the second dose in a two dose series, or one dose in a one dose series (i.e. Janssen vaccine)) or student (2 doses of mRNA vaccine): Isolate for 5 days from the collection date of the swab or from the date when the rapid take-home test was completed. For up to five days following their isolation, all fully vaccinated individuals must wear masks whenever they are in a public place and/or in the company of another person (no exceptions permitted). If schools find this operationally challenging to accommodate, the consistent use of a 10 day absence prior to return, for both immunized and non-immunized cases, is an acceptable approach. Not fully vaccinated: Isolate for 10 days from the collection date of the swab or from the date when the rapid take-home test was completed. Individuals can conduct a second test in 24-48 hours, and if negative, and still no symptoms, they do not need to continue to isolate. If test positive on repeat test continue to isolate. If at any time, you develop symptoms, you need to follow isolation instructions for symptomatic individuals.
	Negative	No isolation required.