

When to Keep Your Child Home

Before Bringing Your Child to School, You Need to Check for Symptoms. If you are keeping your child(ren) home, please call the school office at (614) 235-1396.

Keep Your Child Home if they are displaying any of these symptoms

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- New or worsened cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nasal congestion or runny nose

Keep Your Child Home if they are displaying two or more of these symptoms*

- Headache
- Body aches
- New or worsened fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

*Excludes symptoms attributable to an alternative diagnosis. Clinical judgement should always guide testing practices.

Keep Your Child Home if they have knowingly been in close contact* with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. In this case...

- Contact the School to notify us at (614) 235-1396
- Contact Columbus Public Health at (614) 645-7417
- Have your child tested for COVID-19

*Close contact is within 6ft for more than 15 minutes. Columbus Public Health will help you determine exposure.

Keep Your Child Home if someone in the household tests positive for COVID-19

- Contact the School to notify us at (614) 235-1396
- Contact Columbus Public Health at (614) 645-7417
- Child must quarantine for 14 days regardless of their own test results or symptoms

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Continue to Keep Your Child Home until the following criteria are met:

- Positive Test Result = Return to school Determined by Columbus Public Health
- Negative Test Result = 48 hours after reduced fever and improved symptoms
- Waiting for Results of Test = until test results are known
- Not Tested = 10 days after symptom onset and 48 hours after reduced fever and improved symptoms
- Alternative Diagnosis (from a physician) = 48 hours after reduced fever and improved symptoms
- Quarantined = 14 days if no symptoms

When to Keep Siblings Home

If a Child is Showing Symptoms, Keep all Sibling(s) Home if...

- They are also showing Symptoms
- You are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 Test from anyone in the Household

If a Child is Showing Symptoms, You will NOT need to keep Sibling(s) Home if...

- They are NOT showing symptoms
- No one in the Household was in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19