

COVID-19 Return to School Flow Chart

For students and staff



Symptoms of COVID-19:

Less Specific:

- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

More specific:

- Fever (100.4°) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

If 2 or fewer less-specific symptoms that resolve in 24 hours

May return to school when:
fever-free for 24 hours
and other symptoms improving

If **negative** test or
more likely alternative
diagnosis

If any more-specific
symptoms
OR
3 or more less-specific
symptoms lasting <24 hrs
OR
Any less-specific symp-
toms lasting >24 hours:

Exclude from school/work.
May return after **10 days AND**
fever-free for at least 24 hours **AND**
symptoms have improved

If **no** test and **no** more
likely alternative
diagnosis

Test for COVID-19

If test result is
positive

Exclude from school/work.
Clallam County Public Health will evaluate and
advise on return dates. In most cases this will
be 10 days after onset of symptoms **AND** fever-
free for at least 24 hours **AND** symptoms have
improved

Any **unvaccinated** student/staff member who has been in **close contact** with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 (within 6 ft. for 15 min. or present at an outbreak) will need to be excluded from work/school for 14 days from their last exposure regardless of testing.

If the student/staff member has completed their vaccine series more than 2 weeks before the exposure and they have no symptoms, they do not need to be quarantined.

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