Decision Making Flowchart: Can My Child Go To School Today?

In the past 10 days, has your child been tested for COVID-19 as a result of experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19?



Was the test result positive **OR** are you still waiting for the result?

Negative Test: If your symptomatic child received a negative test result, prior to returning to school you must provide a diagnostic COVID-19 PCR or NAAT* test result **AND** speak with the school nurse **AND** receive clearance from the school nurse.

NO

Your child **CANNOT** go to school today. They must stay in isolation (at home and away from others). If your child tests positive, they will need to be released from isolation by the UCDOH and you must provide a copy of the official UCDOH "Release from Quarantine" document **AND** speak with the school nurse **AND** receive clearance from the school nurse.

YES



Central School District

In the last 10 days, has your child been designated a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 by the school or Ulster County Department of Health (UCDOH)? (Please note that if your child is fully vaccinated or has had a diagnosed case of COVID-19 in the last three months, they will not be designated as a close contact.)



Your child **CANNOT** go to school today. They must stay at home until they have been released from quarantine (which lasts at least 10 days from the last exposure) by the UCDOH **AND** until you speak with the school nurse **AND** receive clearance from the school nurse. Parents should monitor their child for symptoms and contact a health care provider if they appear. The ability to test out of quarantine by providing a negative test result is **NOT** currently an option allowed by the UCDOH. Does your child currently have any of these new or worsening* symptoms?

- A temperature equal to or greater than 100.0° F
- Feel feverish, or has chills
- New uncontrollable cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Excessive fatigue/exhaustion
- Sore throat

NO

- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Severe headaches
- Nasal congestion/runny nose.

*Symptoms atypical from a documented chronic condition.



Your child CAN go to school today. Make sure they wear a face mask, practice social distancing, and wash their hands!

- If a student or staff member
- is symptomatic following a
- dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- **AND** their symptoms follow a typical course (3-4 days after
- dosage), then the UCDOH
- will be notified of the illness,
- however will not issue an order
- to quarantine. In this instance,
- after speaking with the school
- nurse, proof of vaccination
- may be accepted to return to school.

Your child **CANNOT** go to school today, regardless of vaccination status or a recent previous case of COVID-19. Your child should be evaluated by their healthcare provider (HCP). To return to school, a student must provide either a negative diagnostic COVID-19 PCR or NAAT* test result **OR** a letter from your HCP that specifically includes language referencing "a diagnosis of a laboratory-confirmed illness or a chronic condition with unchanged symptoms **AND** stating that COVID-19 is not suspected." You must also speak with the school nurse **AND** receive clearance from the school nurse to return to school. If a negative test or alternative diagnosis is not provided, your child must remain at home and is not able to return back to school until at least 10 days have passed since the first date of symptoms **AND** your child is symptom-free **AND** your child is fever-free without use of fever-reducing medicines for 24 hours **AND** you speak with the school nurse and receive clearance.

Always report absences, symptoms, and positive COVID-19 test results to your child's school nurse's office.

*Polymerase Chain Reaction test (PCR) or a Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) – Please note that the NPCSD only accepts these diagnostic test results (rapid antigen test results are not acceptable).

NO