



Return to School

Once a student or employee is isolated from the school environment, they may return if they satisfy the recommendations of the Jackson County Health Department.

*If a student or staff member has been **exposed** to a positive COVID-19 case:*

- The individual stays home from school/school activities/work
- If the individual does not develop symptoms, they stay home for 14 days from the last exposure to the COVID-19 case
- If the individual develops symptoms and does not get tested, they stay home until they are fever free (<100.4 without fever-reducing medications) for 24 hours; and 10 days after symptom onset; and other respiratory symptoms improve
- If the exposed individual gets tested, whether it is positive or negative, they stay home until fever free (<100.4 without fever-reducing medications) for 24 hours; and 10 days after symptom onset; and other respiratory symptoms improve.
- The Health Department and/or school district use [CDC guidance](#) to determine direct exposure.

Have they been tested?

If a student or staff member reports at least one high risk-symptom or two moderate-risk symptoms indicating COVID-19, that individual will stay home from school or work and follow the protocols in the chart below.

Moderate-risk symptoms (2):

fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose

or

High-risk symptoms (1):

cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell

No

The individual will stay home until:

- Fever-free for 24 hours (<100.4 without fever-reducing medications); and
- 10 days after symptom(s) began; and
- Other respiratory symptoms improve

Yes

The individual will stay home from school/work while waiting for test results.

Positive

Exposed

Negative

Has the individual been directly exposed to a confirmed or probable case?

Not Exposed

The individual will stay home until:

- Fever-free for 24 hours (less than 100.4 without the use of fever-reducing medications); and/or other school individual exclusion policy.

***Health Department guidance as of January 28, 2021**