



Returning to School Following Illness

If your child has any **ONE (1)** of the following symptoms:

- Fever (temperature of 100 or higher)
- Chills
- Muscle/Body aches
- Cough
- Shortness of breath/Difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Nasal congestion/Runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

ECDOH requires that in order for students or staff to return to school following a COVID-19 like illness, regardless of vaccination status, one of the following criteria must be met:

1. A negative FDA approved PCR Test result is provided to the school either by a parent/guardian or a medical care provider
- OR**
2. There has been at least 10 days since the onset of any of the above listed symptoms.
 3. A Healthcare Provider supplies a signed note reporting a diagnosis of a known chronic condition with unchanged symptoms, or a confirmed acute illness (lab confirmed influenza, strep throat) and COVID-19 is not suspected. These students may return to school according to the usual guidelines for that diagnosis with the proper medical documentation.

ECDOH offers free COVID-19 PCR testing to symptomatic Erie County residents and close contacts of confirmed cases by calling (716) 858-2929. Other local testing sites are listed at www.erie.gov/covidtestsites. COVID-19 diagnostic testing is fully covered by all health insurance plans per federal mandates. A negative at-home COVID-19 test result or negative Rapid Test result will NOT be accepted to return a student to school or school staff to work.

One of the three criteria listed above must be met before your child may return to school. All documentation (test results, healthcare provider documentation, etc) **MUST** be submitted to the School Nurse **PRIOR** to your child returning to school.

Please email results/documentation to
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