

RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

FOR WHEN COUNTY COVID LEVELS ARE MODERATE/HIGH (>25 Cases/100k/ 14 Days)

Individuals should remain at home if they have ANY symptoms of COVID-19.
For symptoms that appear at school, they will be sent home.

CLASS A SYMPTOMS

Fever (100.4 degrees or higher)
Cough
Loss of sense of taste and/or smell
Shortness of breath

CLASS B SYMPTOMS

Fatigue
Nausea/Vomiting
Muscle or body aches
Diarrhea (≥ 2 loose stools in 24 hour period)

Sore Throat
Congestion or Runny Nose
Headache

If you have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, contact your health care provider to determine if testing is recommended.
They may provide a note stating when the student may return to school and that symptoms are related to another diagnosis

You may also contact:

The Department of Health Call Center: 1-800-525-0127 or The Tacoma Pierce County Health Department: 253-798-6410.

Be sure to follow Department of Health (DOH) guidance.

RETURNING AFTER SYMPTOMS CONSISTENT WITH COVID-19*** AND WITHOUT KNOWN EXPOSURE

***Symptoms unexplainable by known condition or medical history

Anyone without prior exposure to COVID-19 with 1 Class B symptom lasting less than 24 hours may return to school 24 hours after symptoms have resolved

	COVID-19 TEST POSITIVE OR NOT DONE	COVID-19 TEST NEGATIVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ANY Class A symptoms of any duration• 2+ Class B symptoms of any duration• 1 Class B symptoms lasting 24+ hours	Stay home for 10 days after symptoms begin AND at least 24 hours after fever and symptoms have resolved without fever reducing medications	Stay home for 24 hours after fever and symptoms have resolved without fever reducing medication

RETURNING AFTER EXPOSURE* TO COVID-19

*Exposure: close-contact** with an individual with confirmed COVID-19.

**Close-Contact : "lives with" or "is within 6 feet of for more than 15 minutes"

	COVID-19 TEST NEGATIVE OR NOT DONE	COVID-19 TEST POSITIVE
EXPOSURE with ANY SYMPTOMS	Stay home for 14 days after the last day they were in close contact with the person sick with COVID-19 AND at least 24 hours after fever and symptoms have resolved without fever reducing medication	Stay home for 10 days after symptoms begin AND at least 24 hours after fever and symptoms have resolved without fever reducing medications
EXPOSURE with NO SYMPTOMS	Stay home for 14 days after the last day they were in close contact with the person sick with COVID-19	Stay home 10 days from the date of the positive test AND THEY REMAIN COVID-19 SYMPTOM FREE