



Niagara County Department of Health Flow Chart for Symptomatic Individuals in PK-12 Schools

**Student, Teacher or Staff member with NO
Known Exposure has a temperature $>100^{\circ}$ OR
exhibits new or unusual symptoms of COVID-19:**

Fever, chills • Shortness of breath • Sore throat • Loss of taste or smell •
Headache • Loss of appetite • Cough • Nasal congestion or runny nose •
Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea • Fatigue • Muscle or body aches

**REGARDLESS of vaccination status, individual must stay or return home.
Contact health care provider.**

Alternate diagnosis

Individual may return to school with a note signed by their health care provider explaining the alternate diagnosis.

COVID-19 test result is negative*:

Individuals may return to school if symptoms are improving, and they are fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

They must provide a copy of the negative test result or a note from their health care provider indicating the negative result.

COVID-19 test result is positive:

Individual is placed in isolation by NCDOH.

Individual can return to school after being released from Isolation by NCDOH.

No test/No alternate diagnosis:

Individual may return to school after at least 10 days have passed since date of first symptoms

AND
Individual's symptoms are improving

AND
Individual is fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines.

It is school responsibility to follow-up/monitor these individuals

*** TEST MUST BE A MOLECULAR (PCR) TEST, A NEGATIVE RESULT WITH AN ANTIGEN (BINAX) REQUIRES A CONFIRMATORY PCR IN SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS. HOME TESTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**