



COVID-19 AND SCHOOLS UPDATE

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NYS Department of Health

The NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) guidance 1/14/22 clarified guidance on:

- Quarantine (required if exposed to COVID-19 positive person)**
- Isolation (required if symptomatic awaiting test results or test positive for COVID-19)**

People with Known Exposure to COVID-19 Who Do Not Have Symptoms¹ “Quarantine”

	Under age 2 years or unable to wear a well-fitting mask	Age 2 – 4 years	Age 5 - 11 years		Age 12 years - Adults				All ages
			Fully Vaccinated	Not yet Fully Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated and Boosted	Fully Vaccinated, not yet eligible for booster	Fully Vaccinated, eligible for booster but not yet boosted	Not yet Fully Vaccinated	
Quarantine Duration	10 days (masks not recommended for children under age 2)	5 days	No	5 days	No	No	5 days	5 days	No
Attend or work at school, including travel to/from school (e.g., on bus)	N/A	No, unless in Test-to-Stay in pre-K. ² No extra-curriculars.	Yes	No, unless in Test-to-Stay. No extra-curriculars.	Yes	Yes	Yes. Testing encouraged. Participate in Test-to-Stay at school if available. No extra-curriculars.	No, unless in Test-to-Stay. No extra-curriculars.	Yes
Testing	Test whichever comes 1 st : at least 5 days after last exposure (testing recommended but optional if unable to test) or if Symptoms develop If positive, isolate for at least 5 days from symptom onset or (if no symptoms) date test was collected								No test needed. Test if Symptoms develop.

1. See specific guidance for individuals in congregate settings and for furlough for healthcare workers.

2. Test to stay applies to all Pre-K through grade 12 schools (when the Pre-K is located in a school building that also serves older students: not Pre-Ks that only serve pre-kindergarten students).

NYSDOH RESOURCE

[Isolation and Quarantine Tables 1.14.22.pdf](#)
([ny.gov](#))



Test to Stay

Permits an asymptomatic unvaccinated school based close contact to attend school if the following are met:

- Have a negative test (NAAT or antigen) 3 times in the 7-day period following exposure.
- Quarantined for all other activities including extracurricular school activities



Diagnostic and Screening Tests

NYSDOH Commissioner's Determination on COVID-19 Testing Pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.62 released 12/8/21

Requires*:

- **Weekly screening COVID-19 testing of unvaccinated school staff.**
- **Provide COVID-19 test or refer for testing any students or staff regardless of vaccine status if symptomatic OR close contact of person with COVID-19**

*** Asymptomatic person previously diagnosed with lab confirmed COVID-19 within 3 months not required to test or quarantine.**



Return to School

- Resolving Symptoms
- Fever Free for 24 hours
fever reducing medication





Obtaining COVID-19 Tests

Refer to Community Site

[Community-Based Testing Sites for COVID-19 | HHS.gov](#)

CDC

Operation Expanded Testing
Northeast Hub website:
<https://www.operationet.com>

ESSER Funds

Contract with a Lab
<https://www.openandsafeschools.org/partners>



NYSDOH COVID-19 Test Kits for school- based testing

[schooltestdistribution@
exec.ny.gov.](mailto:schooltestdistribution@exec.ny.gov)

Two tests were distributed:

- **BinaxNOW**
- **CareStart at home antigen tests expire 1/31/22*.**

*** Pending FDA approval to use after 1/31/22.**

Second wave of tests to go out:

- **BinaxNOW**
- **Xtrava Health SPERA COVID-19 Ag test*.**

***Please note this is not an OTC and cannot be sent home for use.**



COVID-19 VACCINES

COVID-19 vaccines
approved for ages 5 and
up.

Vaccines.gov - Search
for COVID-19 vaccine
locations

Resources

NYS Center for School Health

www.schoolhealthservicesny.com

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