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Student, teacher or staff member with NO known exposure has a temperature >100° 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 • Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea • Fatigue • Muscle or body aches
(*January 12, 2022*)

REGARDLESS of vaccination status, individual must stay home or return home. *MCDPH strongly recommends the individual seek an assessment from a health care provider to determine appropriate care.*

The following steps are mandated by the New York State Department of Health.

Alternate diagnosis

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

COVID-19 test result is negative:

Individuals can return to school if symptoms are resolving.
They must provide a copy of a negative PCR/NAAT *OR* Rapid Antigen* test result or a note from a health care provider confirming the negative result.

*Home tests are NOT permitted for this purpose.

COVID-19 test result is positive OR no test/alternate diagnosis available:

Individuals who test positive should submit home test results or use laboratory-confirmed test results to obtain Isolation orders at www.MonroeCounty.gov. Individuals with no test or alternate diagnosis should obtain Mandatory Quarantine orders at www.MonroeCounty.gov

Individuals should isolate/quarantine for 5 days, starting with the day after symptoms began.

Individuals may return to school after 5 days when asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving. They should wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others, in and out of school, for 5 more days.*

*NYSDOH requires all students, teachers, and staff to wear masks in indoor school facilities or other indoor spaces owned or administered by the school or school district (e.g., school buses).