

# Return to School for Students/Staff

## Recommended for COVID -19 Testing/Results received

While a student/staff is waiting for COVID-19 test results, they must remain in self-isolation and cannot attend school in-person.

Household members should self-monitor for symptoms and continue to complete the daily self-screen.

### Negative COVID-19 Test Result

If student/staff member is symptom free for 24 hours\* and can pass the COVID-19 screening tool, they can return to school.

**Documented proof of the negative test result is not required to return to school.**

**Note:** If a staff/student has had known contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or the staff/student has travelled out of country, they will need to remain in isolation until 14 days have passed since their last exposure even if they have a negative test result.

### Declined Testing for COVID-19

Student/staff must remain home for 14 days from the onset of symptoms AND be symptom-free for 24\*\* hours before returning to school.

### Positive COVID-19 Test Result

Students/staff who test positive for COVID-19 will remain in isolation until these 3 conditions have been met:

- 1) They have isolated for at least 14 days after the onset of symptoms
- AND**
- 2) They no longer have a fever
- AND**
- 3) Their symptoms have been improving for at least 72 hours

Students or staff do not need clearance testing or medical notes to return to school. Confirmed cases will be provided clearance from DRHD and will be instructed to inform principal.

\* If the student/staff member had GI symptoms (e.g. vomiting/diarrhea), they can return to school 48 hours after their last symptom has resolved. Mild symptoms known to persist in young children (e.g. runny nose) may be ongoing at time of return to school if other symptoms have been resolved and their test is negative.

\*\*All household members of the ill child are to self-monitor for 14 days. They can continue to go to school or work as long as they have not developed symptoms themselves, and as long as the ill child has not been diagnosed with COVID-19.