



# FAQ Bulletin for COVID-19: Week 4 (Aug. 31st – Sept. 4th)

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## **Should students wear masks when they are using the playground equipment during school hours?**

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It is recommended as best as the student can tolerate the mask to wear it when using playgrounds or recreational activities; especially when social distancing is not possible.

## **What documentation is required for a student or staff member to return to school if they were sent home or called in sick with a COVID-19 symptom?**

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As of July 22, 2020 per the NYSDOH guidelines, all staff or students who are sent home or did not come to school because of a COVID-19 symptom, need to at a minimum obtain

- Documentation of evaluation by healthcare provider (healthcare provider note clearing a person to return to school)
- Negative COVID-19 testing
- Symptom resolution.

At this time the guidelines have not changed, even if the staff or student has a single COVID-19 symptom, these three criteria must be met prior to return to school. As more updates come out on this topic, they will be provided to our districts. However, as for now, this is the guidance the Oswego County Health Department has received and is strongly encouraging every district to follow from the NYSDOH.

## **Where can I get tested for COVID-19 and are rapid tests acceptable?**

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Currently, urgent cares and hospitals have the ability to complete COVID-19 testing and as more testing options become available (such as rapid tests) it is becoming easier to get tested. The NYSDOH and Oswego County Health Department state rapid tests are acceptable to complete the testing component for the return to school guidance. Please see the Oswego County Health Department website for more information on local testing facilities.