



FAQ Bulletin for COVID-19: Week 6-7 (Sept. 14th – Sept. 25th)

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Per the NYSDOH, if a student or staff member has a COVID-19 symptom, in order to return to any in-person school related activities the student/staff member must meet the following criteria: 1) Provide a PCP clearance note to the school, 2) Provide a negative COVID test to the school, 3) Symptoms have resolved.

If a staff member or student refuses a COVID test and were taken out of school or kept home for a COVID-19 symptoms, when can they return to in-person school related activities?

Per the NYSED, a student or staff member may return to in-person school related activities if it has been at least ten days since the individual first had symptoms; at least three days since the individual has had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine), and they are showing symptom improvement for at least 3 days. NYSDOH does not address the issue of returning to in-person learning if the three minimum return to learning criteria (Provider note, negative COVID test, and symptom resolution) are not met. The local health department recommends following NYSDOH guidance.

If a parent calls to report a child in remote learning is sick with a COVID symptom do the same return to school protocol requirements apply? (PCP note, negative COVID test, and symptom resolution?)

Yes, any staff or student regardless if they are remote or in-person need to complete the three return to learning requirements (PCP note, negative COVID test, and symptom resolution?) These need to be completed prior to returning to any in-person school sponsored functions or events, (i.e. sports games or practices, BOCES, using any school bus transportation, etc.).