

## When Can my Child Return to School?

If your child is sick with any **MAJOR** symptom such as:

- Feeling feverish, having chills
- Temperature of 100.4 or greater
- Loss of taste or smell
- New or unexplained persistent cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

THEY MAY NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. If the above symptoms completely resolve within 24 hours with *no medication*, they may return to school.

\*Students who had a fever must remain fever free for an additional 24 hours with no medication prior to return.

If your child is sick with any **MINOR** symptom such as

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Diarrhea

THEY MAY NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. If the above minor symptoms completely resolve within 48 hours with *no medication*, they may return to school.

\*If a student has **both** major and minor symptoms, they must be well within 24 hours to return to school.

If any symptom continues beyond the 24-48 hour window, the student must remain home for 10 days from date of initial symptom onset.

- A negative COVID test will not allow a student to return sooner (there is a chance of false negative results)
- A letter from a medical provider with an alternative diagnosis *might* allow a sooner return, depending on the diagnosis and laboratory confirmation. Please contact your school nurse to determine when your child is eligible to return.

Siblings that are symptom-free may continue to attend school.

**Anyone with a known exposure to someone with COVID-19 should quarantine for 14 days after the exposure, regardless of illness.**

Some individuals with COVID-19 will have minor symptoms that can mimic the common cold. These guidelines were recommended by the El Paso Health Department and are designed to be cautious due to the fact that community transmission of COVID-19 remains medium-high in our community. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our schools open.

*Adapted from Return to School/Work Guidance: following a positive symptom screen for COVID-19. (August 2020). CDPHE.*

