

Can My Child Go To School Today?

Clear Creek ISD prepared the following scenarios to help parents determine what to do after a child has been in close contact with a COVID-positive individual, has tested positive for COVID-19, is awaiting test results, is ill with cold/flu-like symptoms, or has a fever of 100.0°F or higher. **Parents are encouraged to follow the protocol below before sending their students back to school.**



If students arrive at school exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19, the Texas Department of Health and Human Services requires the school to exclude the student for a minimum of ten days unless certain [readmission criteria](#) are met. Please be sure to keep your child at home if they are ill.

My child may have been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and is currently without symptoms. What do I do?

- If the close contact is a member of the household, **CCISD requires the student(s) to be excluded from school for a minimum of ten days even if the student tests negative.** This requirement is based on information from TEA and public health officials relating to the greater risk associated with household-based close contacts.
- Parents may opt to keep a child at home for 10 days after close contact exposure. Please fill out the Self-Health Assessment form on [Skyward Family Access](#) to report the absence and a nurse will follow up with further guidance.
- Parents who opt to send their child to school in the two weeks following exposure are encouraged to closely monitor their child for symptoms. If symptoms develop, keep your child at home and fill out the Self-Health Assessment form in [Skyward Family Access](#). A school nurse will follow up with guidance after receiving the report.

My child is ill with symptoms (runny nose, congestion, sore throat, persistent cough, difficulty breathing, headache, chills, loss of taste/smell, significant muscle pain/aches, diarrhea, vomiting, etc.). What do I do?

- Do not send your child to school. Keep them at home.
- Fill out the Self-Health Assessment form on [Skyward Family Access](#) and a school nurse will follow up with further guidance. Absence will be excused.
- Rest and recover.
- Call your healthcare provider and/or seek a PCR/Molecular COVID-19 test. Home tests will not be accepted to clear students.
- If **NEGATIVE for COVID-19**, improved symptoms and fever-free for 24 hours, the student may return to school after providing negative test results to the school nurse.
- If **NO test is administered** and no doctor's clearance is provided, students may not attend school for a minimum of ten days based on requirements by the [Texas Department of Health and Human Services readmission criteria](#).

My child is awaiting COVID-19 test results. What do I do?

- Do not send your child to school. Keep them at home.
- Complete the Self-Health Assessment in [Skyward Family Access](#) or contact the school. Absence will be excused.
- **If the results come back POSITIVE**, follow the protocol below for what to do if a child is positive.
- **If NEGATIVE for COVID-19**, improved symptoms and fever-free for 24 hours, the student may return to school after providing negative test results to the school nurse.
- Please note that only PCR/Molecular COVID-19 test results will be accepted for clearance to come back to school. Home tests will not be accepted to clear students.

My child tested POSITIVE for COVID-19. What do I do?

- Do not send your child to school. Keep them at home.
- Complete the Self-Health Assessment in [Skyward Family Access](#) or contact the school. Absence will be excused.
- Keep your child at home for at least 10 days even if they do not have symptoms.
- Reference the [Texas Department of Health and Human Services readmission criteria](#).
- Please submit a picture of the positive test results showing the student's name to the school nurse. Home tests will be accepted for positive results.

My child has a fever of 100.0°F or higher. What do I do?

- Do not send your child to school. Keep them at home.
- Rest and recover.
- Call your healthcare provider if symptoms worsen.
- After your child is symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressants, they may return to school unless additional symptoms are present. Reference "My Child is Ill" protocol if additional symptoms are present.

Texas Department of Health and Human Services Readmission Criteria

A school administrator shall exclude from attendance any child having or suspected of having COVID-19. Exclusion shall continue until the readmission criteria for the conditions are met. **The readmission criteria for COVID-19 is as follows:**

- If symptomatic, exclude until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever-free*, and other symptoms have improved.
- Children who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 10 days after the day they were tested.

Alternatively, the Texas Education Agency allows for readmission from the stay-at-home period if a student receives a negative result from a PCR acute infection test only after the close contact exposure ends.

Students who have a continuous exposure in the home and test negative may not be allowed to be readmitted until the exposure at home has ended.

**Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications. Fever is a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit (37.8° Celsius) or higher.*