

Halifax Schools COVID Positive Case Guidance

So, you have tested Positive for COVID-19?

Positive cases in children or adults are expected to be immediately removed from class and congregate settings and should be isolated at home for a minimum of 10 days without symptoms and with daily symptom monitoring at home.

If the positive student has a sibling in the same household, they too should be quarantined due to possible exposure. Close contacts should be tested 5 days after the last date of exposure. If the results are negative, the quarantine ends and they can return to school.

However, if the results are positive they should continue quarantine at home. If the positive student is not able to isolate in a room by themselves from other family members and siblings within the same household, then the entire household must continue to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days whether they are asymptomatic, received negative test results or their vaccination status.

As per the CDC and NC Strong Schools Guidelines, students may return to school 10 days after their positive test without symptoms and 24 hours without fever reducing medications.

The CDC does not recommend the quarantining of students following close contact in the school settings if both the person with COVID 19 and the potentially exposed were wearing masks appropriately and consistently. *This guidance does not apply to teachers, staff, and other adults in the indoor classroom.*

Fully Vaccinated Persons who do not have any symptoms after a close contact do not need to quarantine.

Positive Students can return on Day 11 post testing positive and after 24 hours of being symptom free (afebrile and symptomatic improvement).

Repeat COVID tests of positive cases are not encouraged until after 60-90 days unless COVID symptoms return.