

## School Attendance Related to COVID-19

### Should I Come to School?

Students/Staff should NOT come to school but contact their health care provider if he/she:

- Is experiencing even one of these COVID-19 symptoms: fever, chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new cough, new loss of taste or smell
- Has been exposed, or in close contact\*, with someone with COVID-19 (whether experiencing symptoms or not)
- Has tested positive for COVID (with or without symptoms)
- Has a pending COVID test, or someone in their immediate household with a pending COVID test (with or without symptoms)

### When Can I Return to School?

The criteria for school attendance related to COVID-19 provided by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is different for individuals who have not been exposed or in close contact\* with someone with COVID-19, and someone who has been exposed or in close contact with someone with COVID-19 (showing symptoms or not).

| Individual has been in close contact* with someone with COVID-19  | Individual has NOT been in close contact* with someone with COVID-19  |
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| Test Positive with at least one COVID-19 symptom  | Test Positive with at least one COVID-19 symptom  |
| <b>A student or employee can return to campus when <i>all</i> the following conditions have been met:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 calendar days from first symptom</li> <li>• 3 days fever free (without fever reducing medication)</li> <li>• 3 days of symptom improvement</li> </ul>                                     | <b>A student or employee can return to campus when <i>all</i> the following conditions have been met:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 calendar days from first symptom</li> <li>• 3 days fever free (without fever reducing medication)</li> <li>• 3 days of symptom improvement</li> </ul>                       |
| Test Positive but asymptomatic  | Test Positive but asymptomatic  |
| <b>A student or employee can return to campus when <i>all</i> the following conditions have been met:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 calendar days from the testing date</li> <li>• No symptoms have developed</li> </ul>  | <b>A student or employee can return to campus when <i>all</i> the following conditions have been met:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 calendar days from the testing date</li> <li>• No symptoms have developed</li> </ul>  |
| Negative Test   | Symptoms but Negative Test  |
| <b>A student or employee can return to campus when <i>all</i> the following conditions have been met:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed a self-quarantine for 14 days *</li> <li>• 3 days fever free (without fever reducing medication)</li> <li>• 3 days of symptom improvement</li> </ul>                               | <b>A student or employee can return to campus when <i>all</i> the following conditions have been met:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 hours after negative test results</li> <li>• 3 days fever free (without fever reducing medication)</li> <li>• 3 days of symptom improvement</li> </ul>                      |
| Individual chooses not to be tested   | Individual is symptomatic but chooses not to be tested  |
| <b>A student or employee can return to campus when <i>all</i> the following conditions have been met:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed a self-quarantine for 14 days</li> <li>• 3 days fever free (without fever reducing medication) – if applicable</li> <li>• 3 days of symptom improvement – if applicable</li> </ul> | <b>A student or employee can return to campus when <i>all</i> the following conditions have been met:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 calendar days have passed since first symptom appeared</li> <li>• 3 days fever free (without fever reducing medication)</li> <li>• 3 days of symptom improvement</li> </ul> |

\*Close Contact/Exposure is defined as being within 6 feet for at least 10 minutes of a person with COVID-19.

+Note: A 14-day quarantine for an individual who has come in close contact with a person with COVID-19 but has tested negative is the recommendation of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for schools. This is to ensure symptoms do not develop if testing was done too early since the rate of development differs from person to person.

\*\*\*Please contact Shannon McCrory [smccrory@covenantday.org](mailto:smccrory@covenantday.org), or Lisa Smith [lsmith@covenantday.org](mailto:lsmith@covenantday.org), if any member of your family develops COVID-19 symptoms, tests positive for COVID-19, or comes in close contact with someone with COVID-19. A note from your health care provider will be required to return to school to ensure all measures of quarantine were followed. \*\*\*

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