



Return-to-School COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS

September 2023

The CDC does not have guidelines for School Year 2023-24. Therefore, BCSD recommends the same guidelines as for employees' return to school.

Return-to-school Protocol for SYMPTOMATIC Students: Symptomatic students who have tested positive for COVID-19 may return to school when:

- At least **7** days have passed since the first symptoms *if a negative viral test is obtained within 48 hours prior to return to school (or 10 days if testing is not performed or if a positive test at day 5-7)*, **AND**
- Fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications **AND**
- Improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)

Return-to-school Protocol for ASYMPTOMATIC Students: Students with no COVID-19 symptoms throughout their infection may return to school when:

- At least 7 days have passed since the date of their first positive viral test *if a negative viral test is obtained within 48 hours prior to return to school (or 10 days if testing is not performed or if a positive test at day 5-7)*

Quarantine is not required for students if someone in the student's household has tested positive.

- Testing for COVID-19 is recommended.

Students who test positive for COVID-19 should follow isolation guidance listed above.