NYSDOH COVID-19 In-Person Decision Making Flowchart for Student Attendance

Updates as of April 10, 2021

If a student was identified as a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case by **Nassau BOCES only**, they do not need a note from a medical provider to return to school. A parent must submit a note stating that their child has quarantining for 10 days, is symptom-free and has been without a fever for 72 hours. Parents should continue to monitor symptoms until Day 14.

If the student was identified as a close contact by the local health department, **they must provide a release notification** from the health department.
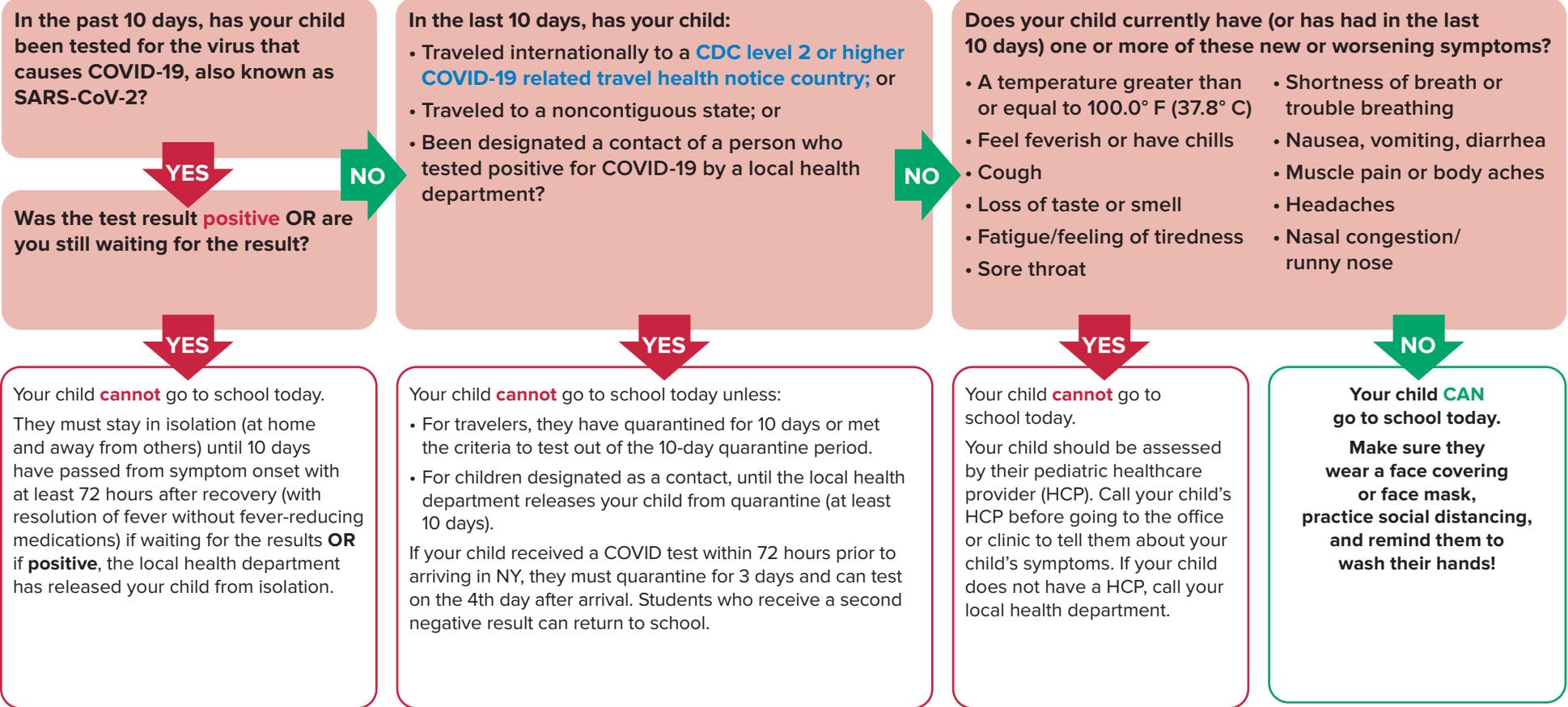
Nassau: https://app.nassaucountyny.gov/DOH/covid-release
Suffolk: https://health.suffolkcountyny.gov/covidreleaseletters

A student would not be considered a contact if they have recovered from COVID-19 within the last three months or have been fully vaccinated. "Fully vaccinated" means it has been two weeks or more after receiving the second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks after a single dose vaccine.

If a student has recently traveled outside of New York, they do not need to quarantine or get tested before returning to school **unless they have COVID-19 symptoms.**

All students with COVID-19 symptoms need to be evaluated by a healthcare provider, regardless of their vaccination status.

Can My Child Go To School Today?

In the past 10 days, has your child been tested for the virus that causes COVID-19, also known as SARS-CoV-2?

YES →

Was the test result positive OR are you still waiting for the result?

→ **NO**

YES ↓

Your child **cannot** go to school today. They must stay in isolation (at home and away from others) until 10 days have passed from symptom onset with at least 72 hours after recovery (with resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications) if waiting for the results **OR** if **positive**, the local health department has released your child from isolation.

In the last 10 days, has your child:

- Traveled internationally to a **CDC level 2 or higher COVID-19 related travel health notice country;** or
- Traveled to a noncontiguous state; or
- Been designated a contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 by a local health department?

→ **NO**

YES ↓

Your child **cannot** go to school today unless:

- For travelers, they have quarantined for 10 days or met the criteria to test out of the 10-day quarantine period.
- For children designated as a contact, until the local health department releases your child from quarantine (at least 10 days).

If your child received a COVID test within 72 hours prior to arriving in NY, they must quarantine for 3 days and can test on the 4th day after arrival. Students who receive a second negative result can return to school.

Does your child currently have (or has had in the last 10 days) one or more of these new or worsening symptoms?

- A temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° F (37.8° C)
- Feel feverish or have chills
- Cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue/feeling of tiredness
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headaches
- Nasal congestion/runny nose

YES ↓

Your child **cannot** go to school today.

Your child should be assessed by their pediatric healthcare provider (HCP). Call your child's HCP before going to the office or clinic to tell them about your child's symptoms. If your child does not have a HCP, call your local health department.

NO ↓

Your child CAN go to school today.

Make sure they wear a face covering or face mask, practice social distancing, and remind them to wash their hands!

Report absences, symptoms, and positive COVID-19 test results to your child's school.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

- Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly
- Prolonged fever
- Is too sick to drink fluids
- Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
- Change in skin color - becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
- Racing heart or chest pain
- Decreased urine output
- Lethargy, irritability, or confusion