



# River Vale Public School District

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## RETURN-TO-SCHOOL POLICY

If the student has experienced any of the symptoms in Section 1 but answers NO to either of the questions in Section 2, the student would be eligible for return to school when symptom-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications.

If the student has experienced any of the symptoms in Section 1 and answers YES to either of the questions in Section 2, the student should be referred for evaluation by their healthcare provider for possible testing. [Note: The CDC does not recommend that schools require testing results as a part of return to school policies.]

Students diagnosed with COVID-19 or who experience any of the symptoms listed in Section 1 and YES to either of the questions in Section 2 without negative test results should stay home, isolate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department. Students and their families should be advised that the local health department may contact the family for contact tracing. If contacted, families should notify the contract tracer that the student attended school.

Students diagnosed with COVID-19 or who answer YES to any component of Section 1 AND YES to any component of Section 2 without negative test results should be permitted to return to school 10 days after symptoms first appeared and/or 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications with a significant reduction in symptoms, whichever of the above time frames is longer in duration. A negative test or doctor's note should not be required for return.

### SECTION 1: Symptoms

If your child has any of the following symptoms, that indicates a possible illness that may decrease the student's ability to learn and also put them at risk for spreading illness to others. Please check your child for these symptoms:

- Temperature 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

### SECTION 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure

- Has the student had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19?
- Has the student or any member of the household traveled to any of the states listed on the NJDOH website as a mandatory quarantine state within the last 14 days?