

LAB SCHOOLS EXCLUSION GUIDANCE 2021/2022
(Guidance remains subject to further updates.)
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If your student has any of the symptoms listed below they should stay home. If the student presents with any of the following symptoms while at school, they will be sent home for further evaluation and return to school will be evaluated consistent with the scenarios outlined in the table below. In any circumstances, COVID-19 testing is strongly recommended for all persons showing COVID-like symptoms regardless of the individual’s vaccination status or disease history.

Symptoms: Fever 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, *New* onset of moderate to severe headache, Shortness of breath, *New* cough, Sore throat, Vomiting or diarrhea, *New* loss of sense of taste or smell, Fatigue from unknown cause, or Muscle or body aches from unknown cause.

Student Status	Return to School Guidance
<p>If the student is fully vaccinated (2 weeks past the student’s second COVID-19 vaccination). Parents should be aware that even fully vaccinated students can contract COVID-19.</p>	<p>If a fully-vaccinated student is experiencing symptoms, the student must stay home. We strongly recommend you contact your healthcare provider. To return to school, the student will be required to follow the guidance for symptomatic individuals that applies to the student.</p> <p>If a fully-vaccinated student is NOT experiencing symptoms, and is determined to be a close contact, the student is not required to quarantine, provided the student has submitted proof of vaccination to the school. Under these circumstances, the student should be watched carefully for symptoms. The student should also test five days after determination to be a close contact.</p> <p>Students of families who have opted in for SHIELD testing may choose to test on days 1, 3, 5, and 7 at school and stay in</p>

	<p>school with negative test results. Should BinaxNOW be available and approved, families may opt-in to use that testing mechanism for Test to Stay. Masking will be required at all times for all students using the Test to Stay Option while at school. **</p>
<p>If your student tests positive for COVID-19 OR Is a close contact to a positive case and develops symptoms (regardless of the student’s vaccination status).</p> <p>Close contact – Anyone within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period to an individual that has tested positive for COVID-19.</p>	<p>The student must stay home. The parent/guardian should call the main office to report absence and wait to hear further instructions from the school nurse and McLean County Health Department. Contact your healthcare provider.</p> <p>To return to school, the student must stay home 5 days from either the testing date if the student experiences no symptoms or the first day of symptoms, provided symptoms have improved</p> <p>To return to school, the student must stay home 5 days from either the testing date if the student experiences no symptoms or the first day of symptoms, provided symptoms have improved</p> <p>The student needs to be 24 hours with no fever (without fever reducing medication) AND improvement in symptoms to be release from isolation.</p>
<p>If your student, regardless of vaccination status, is symptomatic (see list above): If your student presents with symptoms during the school day they will be sent home.</p>	<p>The student must stay home. The parent/guardian should call the main office to report the student’s absence. Contact your healthcare provider.</p> <p>To return to school, the student must be fever free for 24 hours (without medication), and diarrhea and vomit free for 24 hours. Documentation of a negative RT-PCR, rapid molecular, or antigen test is acceptable to return.</p> <p>If the symptomatic student has a diagnostic test within 24 hours</p>

	<p>of being excluded from school, their unvaccinated siblings/household members may finish the school day and be excluded beginning the following day until results are back and negative. Home testing kits are not allowed.</p>
<p>If your student is symptomatic (regardless of vaccination status) and does not see a healthcare provider or does not get tested for COVID-19.</p>	<p>The student must stay home for 5 calendar days from the onset of symptoms. To return to school after the 5 calendar days, with a negative test confirming symptoms are not caused by COVID-19. Unvaccinated household members in school must also remain home.</p>
<p>If your student is not fully vaccinated, is a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case and does not experience symptoms: A close contact is anyone who was within 6 feet of a confirmed case of COVID-19 (with or without a mask) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during the infections period, which begins 2 calendar days before the onset of symptoms (if any) or 2 calendar days before the test (if no symptoms).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If someone in your family tests positive for COVID-19 please keep unvaccinated students home from school and call the school nurse to discuss. Quarantine may vary for household contacts. ● If you are waiting on results for an immediate family member please keep all unvaccinated students home until results are received. ● Close contacts at school are determined with the support of the McLean County Health Department. 	<p>The student must stay home. The parent/guardian should call the main office to report the student's absence.</p> <p>To return to school, the Lab Schools may generally consider two options depending on individual circumstances.</p> <p>Option 1 - , The student may return to schools after day 5, provided the student does not develop symptoms and receives a negative test on day 5.</p> <p>OPTION 2 – Parents may choose to have their child tested on days 1, 3, 5 and 7 from date of close contact and stay in school as long as they receive a negative test. This test would be conducted at school and is available for those students who have opted in to SHIELD testing.**</p> <p>The health department has the final authority on quarantine and may require a full 14-day quarantine based on information given.</p>

If the student tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 90 days and recovered, AND is asymptomatic.

In these circumstances, the student is exempt from quarantine and can return to school.

A faculty or staff member at the ISU Laboratory Schools who is not fully vaccinated and is a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case and does not experience symptoms may choose to be tested on days 1, 3, 5 and 7 from date of close contact and stay in school as long as they receive a negative test. .**

* Sources [CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus), dph.illinois.gov/covid19 and isbe.net/COVID19

**The participation requirements, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health, are:

- Test to Stay is only applicable when both the COVID-19 case and close contact were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks, regardless of vaccination status, as required by Executive Order 2021-18.
- Test to Stay may be used for any indoor exposure, with the exception of household exposures, for both students and staff who are not fully vaccinated.
- The individual must be able to maintain physical distancing as much as possible, and masking at all times (indoors and outdoors) during the testing period.
- Students or staff who are not fully vaccinated and engaged in Test to Stay after an exposure may participate in extracurricular activities as long as they remain consistently and correctly masked and physically distanced for the full testing period. Students should not participate in sports competition during the testing period and should remain masked for the full 14 day period.
- Test to Stay participants should avoid social gatherings and remain at home when not at school functions during the testing period.
- If at any time the student tests positive or becomes symptomatic, they should be immediately isolated and sent home, excluded from school, and the local health department notified.

The Laboratory Schools will use the same guidelines as above for athletes but subject to change.