

Protocol for Respiratory Illness or COVID-19

Students or Staff with **moderate** to **severe** respiratory symptoms

Remain home for:

Fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$) or feel feverish

Moderate to severe productive mucus/respiratory symptoms

If a student arrives at school ill, or becomes ill while at school with signs or symptoms of any acute illness, the school nurse will assess the student and determine if the student will be dismissed.

Return to school when:

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication

Respiratory symptoms/ manage secretions have improved

*If respiratory symptoms persist, and staff or students are not able to independently manage mucous secretions, we **encourage mask** wearing until symptoms resolve.*

If a student or staff test for COVID and the test results are Positive for COVID-19, It is recommended:

Isolation for 5 days.

Returning to activities, school/work with the **recommendation** to wear a mask for an additional 5 days when in public settings.

Fever-free for at least 24 hrs. and other symptoms significantly improved without the use of fever reducing medication.

Currently the Connecticut State Department of Education is not requiring students or staff to test for COVID -19 for respiratory illnesses unless they are at high risk or have close contact at risk for illness.