

INTERIM GUIDANCE

CHILD/STUDENT/ STAFF WITH NEW SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS

Children/Students/Staff with symptoms of COVID-like illness should stay home and test for COVID-19.

- Any student who develops new, unexplained symptoms should not return to campus until it is clear that symptoms are mild and improving or are due to a non-infectious cause (e.g., allergies). This includes waiting until 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- Get tested for COVID-19 when symptoms are [consistent with COVID-19](#). If the test is negative, may return if at least 24 hours have passed since fever and symptoms have improved significantly.
- If the test is positive, stay at home for at least 5 days. Isolation can end after Day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving **and** a diagnostic specimen (antigen testing preferred) collected on Day 5 or later tests negative. Upon return, consistent use of a well fitted face mask while indoors at school is **strongly recommended** through **Day 10**. If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present or are resolving, isolation can end after Day 10 - [CDPH Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public](#)

