

Parent Note

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of absence:

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Reason for absence:

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Please answer the following questions:

**Return to school:** Students and staff may return to school if the answer to ANY of the following questions is YES:

o **Did the individual have a positive COVID-19 PCR/antigen test (with or without symptoms), complete isolation for a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms (or the date of the positive test, if asymptomatic) AND have resolution of fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement in COVID-19 symptoms for at least 24 hours?** If so, the individual may return to school. No medical evaluation or proof of negative COVID-19 test is required.

o **Was the individual quarantined for 14 days due to exposure to a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19?** If that individual has remained asymptomatic and has completed the 14- day quarantine period, the individual may return to school. No medical evaluation or proof of negative COVID-19 test is required. If symptoms developed during the quarantine period, the individual must complete isolation as above.

o **Does an individual who was ill with symptoms of COVID-19 have written documentation from their medical provider confirming their illness was not due to COVID-19 because another explanation was identified?** If so, the individual may return to school at the direction of their medical provider if they have been without fever (without the use of fever reducing medications) for at least 24 hours and symptoms have been improving. Examples of acceptable diagnosis would include fever due to urinary tract infection, strep throat confirmed by a positive strep test, rash from poison ivy, etc. Diagnoses of respiratory and viral conditions such as upper respiratory tract infection (URI), pneumonia, pharyngitis without positive strep test, viral illness, etc., DO NOT exclude the diagnosis of COVID-19 and should not be considered adequate to authorize return to school until another criterion is met. Individuals with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 who are without an acceptable alternative diagnosis are **treated as infected** and are to isolate for 10 days from the onset of their symptoms AND have resolution of fever (without fever-reducing medications) AND improvement of symptoms for at least 24 hours before returning to school unless the next criterion is met.

o **Does an individual who had symptoms of COVID-19 without documentation of an alternative diagnosis and without a positive COVID-19 test during this illness have a negative COVID-19 PCR test after the onset of their symptoms?** (e.g., an individual develops a fever and cough, is evaluated by a medical provider, tested for COVID-19 while having symptoms, and the test is negative. Fever resolves and symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours.) In this instance, the individual may return to school if fever has resolved without fever-reducing medications and symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours. This does not apply to anyone who had a positive test at any point during the illness — that individual must isolate for a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms (or the date of the positive test, if asymptomatic) AND have resolution of fever (without fever reducing medication) AND have improvement in COVID-19 symptoms for at least 24 hours.

o **Has an individual who had any symptoms of COVID-19, but who was never tested during that illness and has no confirmed alternative diagnosis, completed isolation for a minimum of 10 days AND had resolution of fever (without fever-reducing medications) AND improvement in COVID-19 symptoms for at least 24 hours?** If so, the individual may return to school. No medical evaluation or proof of negative COVID-19 test is required.