



Voyager Academy COVID-19 Sick Child Policy and Guidelines (As of 2/28/22)

*Updates in red

Below is the list of possible COVID symptoms as defined by the CDC and NCDHHS:

- temperature above 100.4F or chills
- cough
- headache
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- fatigue, muscle or body aches
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- new loss of taste or smell

If a child has any of these symptoms **PRIOR to the start of the school day**, please keep them home and have them PCR COVID tested. ***Please DO NOT give them medication and send them to school.

If a child has any of these symptoms **DURING the school day**, the parent will be notified and the child will be sent home from school.

Scenario	Criteria to return to school
Person has <i>symptoms of COVID-19</i> but has received a negative PCR test result .	<p><i>Person can return to school when:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (if applicable) <u>AND</u> they have felt well for at least 24 hours
Person has an alternate diagnosis that would explain the symptoms of COVID-19	<p><i>Person can return to school when:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A doctor's note explaining the diagnosis is provided to the school.
Person has <i>symptoms of COVID-19</i> but has not been tested nor has visited a health care provider.	<p><i>Person can return to school when:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -It has been 5 days *since the first day of symptoms <u>AND</u> -It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine) <u>AND</u> -Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.
Person has tested positive on a PCR test but the person does not have symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Person can return to school 5 days *after their positive test. -Person MUST wear a mask indoors and outdoors and maintain physical distance while eating for an additional 5 days. -Person is not required to have documentation of a negative COVID test in order to return to school.
Person has <i>symptoms of COVID-19</i> <u>and</u> has tested positive on a PCR test .	<p><i>Person can return to school when:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -It has been 5 days *since the first day of symptoms <u>AND</u> -It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine) <u>AND</u> -Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. -Person MUST wear a mask indoors and outdoors and maintain physical distance while eating for an additional 5 days. -Person is not required to have documentation of a negative COVID test in order to return to school.

*Day 0 is the day the student started feeling symptoms or the day of the positive COVID test result, whichever happened first. The 5-day isolation period begins on the day AFTER Day 0 AND includes the 5th day.

For **symptom updates and/or to report COVID test results**, please email

- your child's principal,
- the front office administrative assistant
- the school nurse, Mrs. Skoff cskoff@voyageracademy.net

For **daily attendance**, school assignments, and homework, please email your child's teacher each day while your child is home with symptoms, awaiting results, or completing their isolation period.