

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child is being sent home from school due to the following symptoms, which indicate a possible infection with COVID-19:

One of the following:

- Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing
- Loss of Taste or Smell
- Cough

Or two or more of the following:

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle / Body Aches
- Sore Throat
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Congestion / Runny Nose
- Fever / Chills

We recommend that you seek testing for your child. You can call the COVID line at Aspirus Riverview Hospital and Clinics (1-844-568-0701) (715-843-1454) or Marshfield Clinic Health System (1-877-998-0880). Your child must remain isolated at home while awaiting test results. We recommend keeping your child away from other household members as much as possible. If other household members have symptoms, they should also be tested and remain at home.

Siblings, household contacts, or close contacts attending school also need to quarantine at home for 14 days or until a negative test result or alternative diagnosis occurs for your symptomatic child.

If your child tests positive, the health department will contact you with specific instructions. You will be asked to isolate your child for 10 days since symptoms began and until they are feeling well and fever-free for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication. We will ask questions about close contacts and provide instructions for them regarding their 14-day quarantine.

If the test is negative, your child can return 24 hours after feeling well and being fever-free without using any fever-reducing medication and provide documentation of a negative test. If you are unable to get your child tested, they will remain isolated at home for 10 days from the start of symptoms and 24 hours after feeling well and being fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Wood County Health Department at 715-421-8911.

Sincerely,





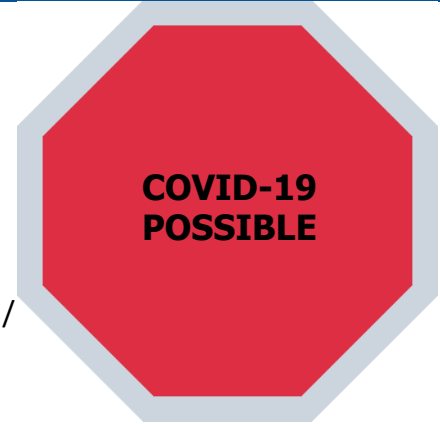
When does my sick child need to stay home?

If your child has:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste
- New loss of smell

Or at least 2 of the following:

- Fever/Chills
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Muscle / body aches
- Runny nose / congestion



When can my child return to school?

Child is diagnosed with another health condition

Follow guidance from medical provider

Child tests negative for COVID-19

24 hours symptom free without using medicine

Child tests positive for COVID-19

10 days after symptoms started AND fever free for 24 hours with other symptoms improving

Child is not tested for COVID-19 and does not have a medical diagnosis of another illness

10 days after symptoms started AND fever free for 24 hours with other symptoms improving

Note: Unrelated to COVID-19, children who experience a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea alone will be sent home and should not return until 24 hours after they are feeling well without fever-reducing medications.