

COVID-19 SICK POLICY

If your student experiences one of the following symptoms at school, they WILL be sent home. If your student experiences one of the following at home they MUST NOT come to school:

- Loss of taste or smell
- New or unexplained persistent cough
- Fever (temperature over 100.4)
- Shortness of breath or difficult breathing (that cannot be explained by a chronic problem such as asthma)
- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches not related to an injury
- Headache
- Fatigue (unable to continue in a classroom setting)
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

** Your student may return to school IF their symptoms have completely resolved in 24hrs without medication. Otherwise you must rely on the following information to determine when your student can return.

Return to school with MINOR symptoms:

If your student has one of the following symptoms they may return to school ONLY if their symptoms are completely resolved within 48 hrs and stay resolved for 24 hours without medication. This means even with the following symptoms your student must stay out of school for 3 full days from the time the symptoms started. These are considered MINOR symptoms and are as follows:

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting
- Diarrhea

Return to school with MAJOR symptoms:

If your student has one of the following symptoms or their MINOR symptoms have not resolved in 48 hours then they MUST be out of school for a full 10 days after the onset of the symptoms.

The following are considered MAJOR symptoms:

- New or unexplained persistent cough (anything not related to a chronic condition)
- Feeling feverish or having chills
- Temperature over 100.4
- Loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

When your student should get a COVID test:

- If your child's doctor is making an alternative diagnosis, we must have a negative COVID test as well as the alternative diagnosis.
- If they have MAJOR symptoms and have been sent home from school with these symptoms. Without this test we will most likely have to send their whole cohort home to quarantine.
- If your student has siblings that go to New Summit or parents that work at New Summit. Otherwise, those individuals are at risk of having to be quarantined.
- A negative test will not necessarily allow your student to return to school before the 10 day quarantine.

What if my child's pediatrician says they can return to school:

- We require that if your student is sent home with MAJOR symptoms or MINOR symptoms that have not resolved in 48 hours that they be out of school for 10 days unless they are given an alternative diagnosis. This is not simply a note saying they can return to school. There must be an actual diagnosis given after a positive laboratory test. They must also have a negative COVID test to accompany the alternative diagnosis. Examples of alternative diagnoses are - strep throat, influenza, a laboratory diagnosed alternative respiratory pathogen that isn't COVID. Also if your student's pediatrician can state that the symptoms are a cause of a chronic illness that may be considered an alternative diagnosis as well.