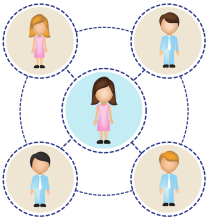


CHILD RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Does my child need a test for COVID-19 before returning to school?



- **In most circumstances, the test is NOT recommended, and Alameda County Public Health does not require it before your child returns to school or child care.**
- Other conditions must be met if your child has one of the following:
 - A diagnosis of COVID-19 and/or a positive test for SARS-CoV-2
 - Symptoms that could be due to COVID-19 OR
 - Recent (past 14 days) close contact with a person who has COVID-19 and/or a positive test for SARS-CoV-2.



DEFINITIONS:

- **SARS-CoV-2** is the virus that causes COVID-19.
- **Close Contact** means that the child or student was **within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive person for a total of 15 minutes or longer**, EVEN IF both the child or student and the other person were wearing masks. Shorter periods that add up to 15 minutes on the same day also count. Close Contact can also mean that the child or student had a briefer but major exposure to the COVID-19 positive person's respiratory droplets. For example, the sick person coughed directly on the child or student.
- **COVID-19 Symptoms** include fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle/body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.
- A **Healthcare Provider** is a Doctor, Nurse Practitioner, or Certified Physician Assistant.

