

Protocol for Students Returning to School



If you have...

You may return...

COVID-19 related symptom(s)
+
Not tested



10 days after onset of symptoms if fever free (without fever reducing medication) and with improvement of symptoms for 3 days (72 hours)

COVID-19 related symptom(s)
+
Tested negative*



with symptom improvement, including being fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication)
AND
with a note from a healthcare provider indicating the test was negative*
OR
with a copy of the negative test result*

No COVID-19 related symptoms (asymptomatic)
+
Tested positive*



upon release from isolation by the Tompkins County Health Department or the local health department of residence

Known COVID-19 exposure



upon release from quarantine by the Tompkins County Health Department

A member of your household with COVID-19 related symptoms



if you remain symptom free
AND
the person with COVID-like symptoms tests negative for COVID-19*

COVID-19 related symptoms
+
previous exclusion for the same symptoms



with healthcare provider note diagnosing underlying chronic condition, including previous negative COVID-19 test

traveled out of New York State for more than 24 hours (excepting Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont)*



after obtaining a negative COVID-19 test* within 3 days of departure from that state
AND
quarantining for 3 days upon arrival in New York
AND
obtaining another negative COVID test* on day 4 of quarantine#

*See NYS COVID-19 travel advisory: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

#Both tests must be negative to exit quarantine early

*A molecular diagnostic test (i.e. PCR) is required