

Village Pines School

Sick Day Guidelines

When to Return to School After:

General Illness (Non-COVID-19 Symptoms)-

- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND
- Improvement of symptoms*

*Additional guidelines will be given for specific types of illnesses, i.e. head lice or chickenpox.

For those students exhibiting any of the following symptoms

Fever	Fatigue	Headache	Muscle Aches	Cough
Nasal Congestion	New loss of taste or smell	Sore Throat	Shortness of Breath	Abdominal Pain
Diarrhea	Nausea or Vomiting	Poor Appetite or Poor Feeding	Runny Nose	

and you have been cleared of COVID-19 you may return after:

- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND
- 24 hours with an improvement of symptoms AND
- You provide written clearance from a physician OR
- Negative COVID-19 Test result

**If unable to provide the requested documentation for clearance you will have to implement COVID-19 Guidelines for exclusion and return to school criteria.

Siblings of students exhibiting symptoms will also be sent home until the sick student is cleared or the sibling initiates quarantine.

COVID-19 Guidelines-

If you think or know that you had COVID-19 and had symptoms, you can return to campus only after:

- You have notified the school AND
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving***

***Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation

If you tested positive for COVID-19, had no symptoms, and continue to have no symptoms, you can return to campus only after:

- You have notified the school **AND**
- 10 days have passed since the positive test **AND**
- Student continues to remain asymptomatic

If you have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19, you can return to campus only after:

- 10 days of quarantine **AND**
- Student continues to remain asymptomatic

Siblings of students exhibiting symptoms will also be sent home until the sick student is cleared or the sibling initiates quarantine.

Close contact is defined as follows:

- You are within six (6) feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset until the time the person is isolated
- You live with someone who has COVID-19.
- You had direct physical contact with someone who has COVID-19 (touching, hugging, or kissing).
- You shared eating or drinking utensils with someone who has COVID-19.
- Someone who has COVID-19 sneezed or coughed on you.

Classroom Closures-

Once a positive case has been identified in a classroom, parents, and staff will be notified while protecting the identity of the sick student/staff member. The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) will be notified and together we will determine who needs to quarantine. The FDOH may contact affected families as well to follow-up and determine if further testing is warranted.

In the event, multiple students are exhibiting similar COVID-19 symptoms in a classroom we will temporarily close the classroom until we can determine if COVID-19 is the cause of the symptoms.