

# Glen Ellyn School District 41

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Below is our COVID-19 protocol per guidance from the health department. If your student develops any symptoms of COVID-19, please follow the return to school protocol on the symptomatic student.

Unvaccinated siblings no longer have to stay home while awaiting a COVID-19 test result on the sick student as long the test is done within 24 hours of symptom onset and there is not a high suspicion for COVID-19 (ie: exposure to a positive case in the last 14 days or loss of taste or smell).

- **New as of 10/4/21: We can accept a negative rapid antigen test for return to school.**
- **Please note: if student is not tested within 48 hours then they will need to remain home from school for 10 days along with their unvaccinated siblings.**

## COVID-19 Symptoms:

- fever (100.4 or higher)
- new onset of moderate to severe headache
- shortness of breath
- new cough
- sore throat
- vomiting and/or diarrhea
- new loss of sense of taste or smell
- fatigue from unknown cause
- muscle or body aches from unknown cause
- congestion

Per the health department guidelines, requirements for returning to school are as follows:

**1. Negative COVID test result.** Rapid antigen, RT-PCR or NAAT tests are acceptable for return to school. **At-home test kits cannot be accepted.** If both a rapid antigen AND a RT-PCR or NAAT are done, the student may return based off of the negative rapid antigen while you wait for the RT-PCR/NAAT results. The student must also be fever free for **24 hours** without fever-reducing medication and **48 hours** free from vomiting/diarrhea.

**OR**

**2.** In the absence of any testing, the symptomatic student should stay home for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and be **24 hours** fever free and **48 hours** free from vomiting/diarrhea. All unvaccinated household members must also stay home.

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