



## COVID-19 CRITERIA FOR RETURN

Please note that the following timelines are meant to be used only as a guide. CLS reserves the right to use different criteria when needed, to ensure the safety of our students and staff. We will communicate with the parents regarding a particular scenario and will decide a plan based on medical recommendations, CDC/DOH guidelines and other rules that exist at the time of the situation.

***If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the student may return:***

**If the student is asymptomatic, the student may return:**

- 10 days after the initial positive test *or*
- Five days have passed since the initial positive test and the student receives two consecutive negative PCR virus tests at least 24 hours apart within that five-day period

**If the student is symptomatic, the student may return:** (fever, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea):

- he/she will be able to return 10 days after the symptoms started *and* 24 hours after the symptoms have resolved without medication (eg. Tylenol for fever).

***If a student has close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19, the student may return:***

As of February 2021, the CDC defines close contact as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more.

-After 14 days of the last exposure. It should be noted this criterion is the one advised by the CDC. They are quite strict, and this is the safest approach to an exposure, but it is also based on limited availability of testing in the United States. Other organizations (sports organizations with unlimited testing capabilities) have come up with guidelines and allow for earlier return from quarantine using a testing protocol. Given that we are dealing with small children, who generally have minimal to no symptoms, and suspected low infectiousness we will offer an earlier return protocol with testing. (<https://www.aamc.org/news-insights/kids-school-and-covid-19-what-we-know-and-what-we-don-t>)

**We will allow the student an earlier than 14-day return after exposure to a positive COVID-19 patient:**

- if this does not represent an ongoing exposure, such as exposure to a member of the family who is living with the student *and*
- that represents a one-time exposure to someone who later tests positive for COVID-19 or is strongly suspected of having developed COVID-19 *and*
- the student has a negative initial test, 3 days after the exposure, followed by a second negative test two days later. The initial test may be a point of contact test; however, the second test needs to be a nasal swab PCR test.

All exposures, even if secondary, should be reported to the Director of the program, Cinzia Roveta. We reserve the right to impose stricter guidelines if we feel it is needed to ensure the safety of the students or staff.

***If a student travels:***

- If traveling to a state considered as “high risk,” the student may get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after and stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel. Even if the student tests negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days. If the student does not get tested, he/she will have to stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel. [Click here](#) for the latest list of high risks states.
- The same rules will apply to traveling internationally and by plane or train.