

It is anticipated that the Connecticut DPH will be providing additional guidance on the below matters in the coming days. Therefore, this information is strictly preliminary and subject to change.

Return to School or Work Criteria -DRAFT

Laboratory Confirmed Case of COVID-19

The ability for students or staff to return to campus will be determined based upon research-based guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

1. **Symptom-based Strategy**: Isolation and precautions can generally be discontinued 10 days *after symptom onset* **and** resolution of fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications, **and** with improvement of other symptoms.
2. **Time-Based Strategy**: (for those asymptomatic but tested positive)
 - At least **10 days** have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.
 - If they develop symptoms during this period then the symptom-based strategy should be used.

(Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/duration-isolation.html>)

Suspected Case of COVID-19

For those students or staff that are dismissed (or out of school/work) due to symptoms consistent with COVID-19 may return to the school setting by following the below criteria.

1. If not tested, then symptom-based strategy detailed above is met, OR;
2. If not tested, then physician's clearance note provided and symptoms improve consistent with standard school guidelines, OR;
3. Negative COVID-19 test result provided and symptoms improve consistent with standard school guidelines.

Identified Close Contact to Confirmed Case of COVID-19

A student or staff person that has been identified as a close contact by the Eastern Highlands Health District should **stay home and quarantine for 14 days after their last contact** with a person who has COVID-19. Additional guidance can be found [here](#).

Travel Advisory

Any staff member or student that travels to [CT DPH current list of COVID-19](#) advisory states will be required to quarantine for **14 days prior to returning to school/work**.

All students and staff returning to school will immediately report to the school nurse for a health screening before returning to work/classes.