

What happens if my child gets symptoms of COVID-19 at school?

If your child develops any of these symptoms while at school, they will be evaluated by the School Nurse:

- **Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills**
- **Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath**
- **New loss of taste or smell**
- **Muscle aches or body aches**
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Headache *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Fatigue, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) *when in combination with other symptoms*

Students consented for the school testing program will receive a BinaxNOW rapid antigen test from the School Nurse. For more information on the testing program, please visit:

<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/covid-screening-testing>

If the test is **positive**, regardless of vaccine status, your child will need to go home and isolate for a minimum of 10 days. In addition, symptoms must improve and your child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

If the test is **negative**, but your child has one of the symptoms in bold, or any combination of symptoms, he or she may need to go home.

As always, please call your School Nurse if you have questions.