

COVID-19 Testing Guidance for Children/Students

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Public Health Contact Information

24 Hour Flu Hotline: **1-800-534-8600** or **947-3077** Email: flu@hsa.ky Positive Results Reporting: www.gov.ky/report-covid19-result



Scenarios for Parents and Guardians

Has your child tested positive following a lateral flow test (LFT)?

Contact **Public Health** immediately and inform your child's school of the result. Your child must stay at home. Public Health will advise when it is safe for your child to return to school.

Has your child tested positive following a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test?

Vaccinated

- If your child is **asymptomatic or has common symptoms**, they must isolate at home and undertake remote learning for **10 days**. Your child must produce a negative PCR test before returning to in-person learning.
- If your child is **symptomatic**, they must isolate at home for **10 days**. Your child is not required to undertake remote learning until they are well enough to do so. Your child must produce a negative PCR test before returning to in-person learning.

Unvaccinated

- If your child is asymptomatic or has common symptoms, they must isolate at home and undertake remote learning for **14 days**. Your child must produce a negative PCR test before returning to in-person learning.
- If your child is **symptomatic**, they must isolate at home for **14 days**. Your child is not required to undertake remote learning until they are well enough to do so. Your child must produce a negative PCR test before returning to in-person learning.

What should my child do if a classmate or teacher has tested positive from a PCR test?

Your child should take daily LFTS for **10 days**. Your child may continue to attend school daily if results continue to be negative.

Remember

Children must be asymptomatic to take a lateral flow test (LFT). If your child has symptoms, contact the flu hotline and consider scheduling a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test by visiting HSA.ky.

What should my child do if they have tested negative but a member of the household has tested positive from a PCR test?

- Your child should take daily LFTs for **10 days**. Your child may continue to attend school daily if results continue to be negative.
- You should inform the school of the positive result in your household.

If my child is taking daily LFTs for 10 days because another student or teacher has tested positive, what happens if another student or teacher tests positive during this time?

- Once a student or teacher tests positive, a surveillance period is in effect for all students and teachers for that class and this surveillance period will continue until no positive results are received for 10 consecutive days.
- If another student or teacher tests positive during the 10-day surveillance period, the surveillance period resets and continues until there are no positive cases for 10 consecutive days.

What should I do if I suspect my child has had close contact with a person (other than a classmate or teacher) who has tested positive?

- You should inform the school of the situation.
- Your child should take daily LFTs for **10 days**. Your child may continue to attend school daily if results continue to be negative.

If your child tests positive, contact **Public Health** and inform your child's school of the result. Your child must stay at home.

Lateral Flow Testing for Children/Students

Has your child tested positive following a lateral flow test (LFT)?



Yes, my child has tested positive

- Contact Public Health immediately.
- Inform your child's school of the result.
- Your child must stay at home and undertake remote learning, if they are well enough to do so.

Remember

Children must be asymptomatic to take a lateral flow test (LFT). If your child has symptoms, contact the flu hotline and consider scheduling a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test by visiting HSA.ky.

Common Symptoms

Fever or chills Cough Fatigue Muscle or body aches Headache New loss of taste or smell Sore throat Congestion or runny nose Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea

No, my child has tested negative

- Your child may attend school.
- Remember, children must be asymptomatic to take a lateral flow test (LFT).
- If your child has symptoms, contact the flu hotline and consider scheduling a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test by visiting HSA.ky.

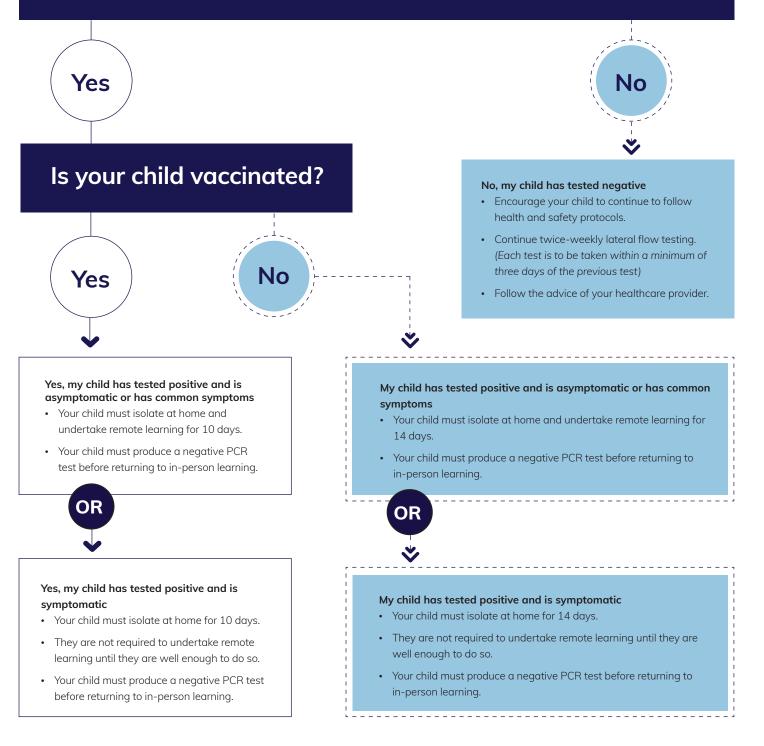
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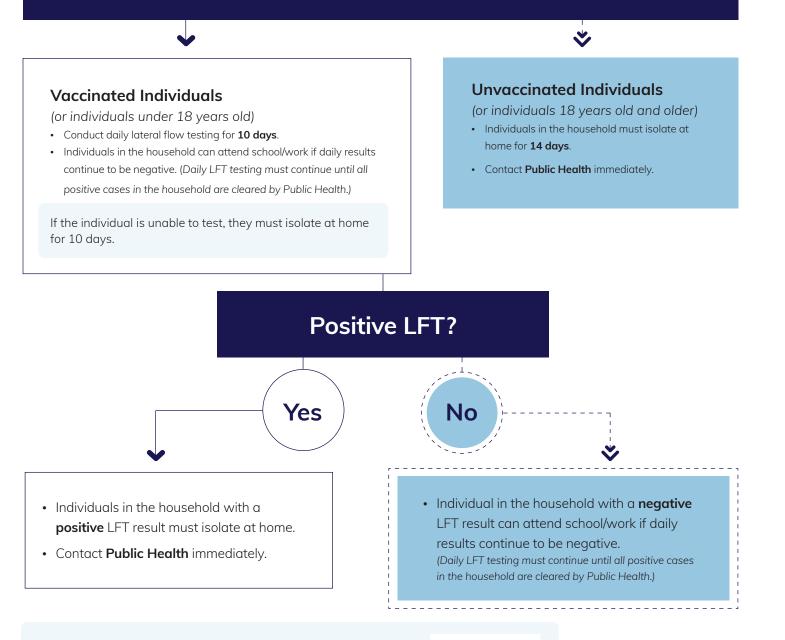
Polymerase Chain Reaction Testing (PCR) for Children/Students

Has your child tested positive following a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test?



Positive PCR or Lateral Flow Test (LFT) Result

What should individuals do if **someone else** in the household tests positive from a PCR or LFT?



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