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# 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](mailto:flu@hsa.ky)

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# 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](https://www.hsa.gov.uk).

## 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

## 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](https://www.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

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

Yes

No

### 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.

### 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](https://www.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?

Yes

No

Is your child vaccinated?

Yes

No

**No, my child has tested negative**

- Encourage your child to continue to follow health and safety protocols.
- Continue twice-weekly lateral flow testing. (Each test is to be taken within a minimum of three days of the previous test)
- Follow the advice of your healthcare provider.

**Yes, my child has tested positive and is asymptomatic or has common symptoms**

- Your child 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.

**My child has tested positive and is asymptomatic or has common symptoms**

- Your child 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.

OR

OR

**Yes, my child has tested positive and is symptomatic**

- Your child must isolate at home for 10 days.
- They are 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.

**My child has tested positive and is symptomatic**

- Your child must isolate at home for 14 days.
- They are 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.

# 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?



## Vaccinated Individuals

(or individuals under 18 years old)

- Conduct daily lateral flow testing for **10 days**.
- Individuals in the household can attend school/work if daily results continue to be negative. (Daily LFT testing must continue until all positive cases in the household are cleared by Public Health.)

If the individual is unable to test, they must isolate at home for 10 days.

## Unvaccinated Individuals

(or individuals 18 years old and older)

- Individuals in the household must isolate at home for **14 days**.
- Contact **Public Health** immediately.

## Positive LFT?

Yes



- Individuals in the household with a **positive** LFT result must isolate at home.
- Contact **Public Health** immediately.

No



- Individual in the household with a **negative** LFT result can attend school/work if daily results continue to be negative. (Daily LFT testing must continue until all positive cases in the household are cleared by Public Health.)

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