Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

Parent Guidance for Student Return to School

Your child will be sent home from school for having any of the COVID-19 symptoms below:

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

Your child may return to school if they meet one of the conditions below:

1. The Department of Health in Indian River County urges all symptomatic children to be tested and can help with expediting testing of ill students. Please call 772-794-7441 for information. The following locations provide testing in Indian River County. A student that tests negative for COVID-19 and whose symptoms have improved may return to school.

Florida Department of Health in Indian River County

Drive through open Mon - Fri, 8:15am to 2:30 pm Call 722-794-7472 to schedule an appointment 1900 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital

Patient Pavilion open Mon - Fri 7am-3pm Call 772-226-4846 for testing information and to schedule an appointment 1000 36th Street, Patient Pavilion, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Treasure Coast Community Health

Various locations and hours Mon - Fri Call 772-257-8224 for testing information and to schedule an appointment

- 2. An ill student may return to school 10 days after symptoms first appeared if they've had no fever for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medications and other symptoms have improved.
- 3. If a child is returning with an alternative diagnosis, Return to School notes will only be accepted from a licensed physician (MD or DO), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) or Physician Assistant (PA) and must be an in-person office visit. If the office visit is virtual and the child has any COVID-19 symptom, the child must have a negative COVID-19 test to return to school.

