

ROCKVILLE CENTRE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Medical COVID19 FAQs

1. Can I send my child/ren to school if someone in my household is sick with COVID or COVID like symptoms?

ANSWER: No. Please contact your child/ren's school nurse to notify the reason for your child/ren's absence. The school nurse will advise you that a clearance note is required to return stating a COVID or NON COVID diagnosis and the date your child is cleared to return to school.

2. If my child is diagnosed with COVID, can I send my other child/ren to school? When can I send them back to school?

ANSWER: No. The entire household will need to quarantine for at least 10 days as per Nassau County Department of Health. Also, per DOH, your sick child must remain on quarantine for 10 days from the date of the COVID test. If your sick child was not tested for COVID but was given a COVID diagnosis by your healthcare provider, your sick child must remain on quarantine for 10 days from the day he/she developed symptoms.

3. What does my child/ren need to return to school if he/she was diagnosed with COVID?

ANSWER: Your child/ren will need to provide a clearance note from your healthcare provider stating he/she was diagnosed with COVID, is no longer contagious and may return to school on a specific date **or a copy of the quarantine release letter or text from the Department of Health by visiting <https://app.nassaucountyny.gov/DOH/covid-release/>.**

4. What does staff/students need to return to school if deemed a direct contact to COVID by Nassau County Department of Health and placed on a 10-day quarantine?

ANSWER: Staff/students will need to provide a clearance note from a healthcare provider stating the 10-day quarantine is completed and may return on a specific date **or a copy of the quarantine release letter or text from the Department of Health by visiting <https://app.nassaucountyny.gov/DOH/covid-release/> or <https://health.suffolkcountyny.gov/CovidReleaseLetters/Release.aspx>.**

5. What happens if my child/ren is sent home sick from the nurse's office?

ANSWER: Your child/ren's school nurse will send him/her home with a form from the health office explaining his/her symptoms. Your child will need a note from their provider stating a NON COVID or COVID diagnosis along with a date he/she is cleared to return to school.

6. If my child/ren is/are quarantined, can he/she access remote learning from home?

ANSWER: Yes. All children placed on quarantine may attend class at home remotely.

7. Does RVC School District require COVID testing for any child or staff member experiencing COVID like illness or symptoms?

ANSWER: No. RVC School District does not require COVID testing unless required by Nassau County Dept of Health and/or your healthcare provider.

8. If someone in your household is waiting for COVID test results due to having symptoms of COVID can students come to school?

ANSWER: No. Students must wait until COVID results are returned before entering RVC Schools.

9. If someone in the household is waiting for COVID test results due to being deemed a direct contact BUT has no COVID like symptoms, can non-direct contact household members attend work and school in RVC Schools?

ANSWER: Yes, as long as the person tested has no symptoms.

10. What if a staff member chooses to test themselves for COVID without presenting with symptoms or being deemed a direct contact?

ANSWER: The staff member will attend work unless the staff member becomes ill.

11. Can students/staff come to school/work if a household member is waiting for COVID test results due to pre-surgical testing, recent travel, or other mandated testing?

ANSWER: Yes. Students and staff may attend school/work because the household member was tested for pre-surgical testing, return from travel, or other mandated testing without exposure to a positive case or symptoms.

12. Recently, New York State and Nassau County Department of Health have adopted a shortened COVID-19 quarantine period. Will the District adopt these guidelines?

ANSWER: Yes, the District continues to abide by guidelines set forth by New York State and the Nassau County Department of Health. Quarantine periods will now be 10 days.

13. If a person has received both doses of the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine or the single dose of Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, will he/she be required to quarantine if deemed a direct contact to a positive COVID case?

ANSWER: No. Nassau County Dept of Health accepted the CDC guidance and will not issue quarantine orders for anyone fully vaccinated after 2 weeks of completing the vaccination series. **NYS removed the 90 day time period.**

14. If a staff or student travels domestically on or after April 1, 2021, will he/she need to follow a travel protocol?

ANSWER: No, mandatory protocol is no longer required for all domestic travel. Mandatory quarantine will continue to be required for international travel.

15. Did the travel protocol change for international travel?

ANSWER: Yes as of April 10, 2021

Currently CDC does not require quarantine, work furlough, or testing requirements for asymptomatic international travelers.

New York follows that recommendation with the following exceptions:

Fully vaccinated individuals who have not recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months are **recommended to get tested 3-5 days** after arrival in New York from international travel.

All unvaccinated international travelers who have not recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months **are recommended** to get tested 3-5 days after arrival in New York, consider non-mandated self-quarantine (7 days if tested on day 3-5, otherwise 10 days), and avoid contact with people at higher risk for severe disease for 14 days, regardless of test result.

16. Does my child/ren need to quarantine if deemed a direct contact to a positive COVID case if he/she was diagnosed with COVID within the last 90 days?

ANSWER: No. Proof of such diagnosis must be on file at your child's school nurse's office.

17. If a person has positive antibodies, will he/she be required to quarantine if deemed a direct contact to a positive COVID case?

ANSWER: Yes.