



**MIDDLE COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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Dear Middle Country Community,

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Please read this letter and keep it handy as it may prove to be a helpful tool in determining when a student or staff member needs to stay home or to go home due to illness or COVID-19 symptoms. It also specifies the conditions which must be met before returning.

**When must a student or staff member go home?**

<p>If you have <b>one</b> of the following you must go home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fever over 100.0</li><li>New Cough</li><li>Shortness of Breath</li><li>Difficulty Breathing</li><li>Loss of Taste or Smell</li></ul>	<p>If you have <b>two or more</b> of the following, you must go home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Headache</li><li>Body Aches/ Chills</li><li>Sore Throat</li><li>Nausea</li><li>Vomiting</li><li>Diarrhea</li></ul>
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Close contacts will **no longer** be notified by the school. Additionally, close contacts are **no longer required to quarantine**. Please be advised that take home COVID-19 tests will still be available through your school nurse's office.

**When may a staff or student that was sent home for one of the above situations, return to school/work?**

- 1. If you had a Positive [COVID-19 test](#)**, you may return after 5 days from the date of test or onset of symptoms. If you were asymptomatic and then developed symptoms, you may return 5 days **after** symptoms began (Day of symptom onset resets to day 0). For **BOTH** situations you must be fever free without taking medication for at least 24 hours **AND** symptoms must be improving or gone before returning to school. It is recommended that you wear a well-fitting mask for days 6-10.
- 2. If you did not take a [COVID-19 test](#) or you had a negative COVID-19 Test**, you may return if you have been fever free without taking medication for at least 24 hours **AND** symptoms are improving. \* If you provide a doctor's note with an alternate diagnosis, you may return as per recommendation.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping Middle Country Schools safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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