

Daily Screening Form for Parents/Guardians

STAY AT HOME IF AWAITING COVID-19 TESTING RESULTS.
 If your child has COVID-19 based on PCR or Antigen testing.

Do not go to school until all three of following are met:
 1. at least 10 days since symptom onset or, if asymptomatic, 10 days from test collection date, AND
 2. at least 24 hours fever free, without fever reducing medication, AND
 3. symptoms improving

Yes

STEP 1 - Did your child test positive for COVID-19 (PCR or Antigen test) OR is your child awaiting results of a COVID-19 test?

No

Have you been told your child has been exposed to a person with COVID-19?

No

No

Yes

Daily Home Screening Conducted by Parent/Guardian or Caregiver

Does your child have any of the following symptoms?

- Fever >100.4 F (measured orally)
- Cough (worsening cough in those with chronic cough)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Headache (moderate or severe)
- Body or muscle aches
- GI symptoms (abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting, nausea)
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nasal congestion, runny nose

No

Stay home. Do not go to school.
 Follow the directions provided by your healthcare provider or the health department.

Yes

Stay home and do not go to school.
 Seek medical care and COVID-19 PCR or rapid Antigen testing.
IMPORTANT: Rapid Antibody testing IS NOT ACCEPTED for diagnosis of COVID-19.

Go to School



1. How do I decide if I can send my children to school each morning?

The DOH-Okaloosa and the Okaloosa County School District are asking all parents/guardians to screen their child(ren) each morning prior to sending them to school. To assist with this process, the health department and school district are sharing the Parent/Guardian Decision Tree to help guide parents/guardians through this process. If you have questions about using the form, you can contact the health department at 850-344-0566.

2. What should I expect when I want to see a doctor or get or testing for my child who has COVID-like symptoms?

If your child is sick with COVID-like symptoms and you feel that they need to be seen by a doctor, please call ahead to your doctor and schedule an appointment. If you would normally have cared for your sick child at home and want to get tested, the health department holds COVID-19 Testing Clinics Monday – Friday. The schedule can be found at www.healthyokaloosa.com. Testing for COVID-19 involves a swab being put into the nose (nasal swab) or the mouth (oral swab) and collecting fluids. There is no blood test to diagnosis COVID-19 at this time. Antibody tests can NOT be used to diagnosis COVID-19.

If you decide to have your sick child seen by a doctor and the doctor can give you a note stating another diagnosis (flu, strep, norovirus) for your child's illness, then you child can return to school once the illness has resolved including no fever. Most schools have clear policy on return to school after illness.

If you sick child is seen by a medical provider and there isn't an alternative diagnosis then a COVID-19 test is strongly recommended. Without a test, your child is required to isolate at home for 1)10 days from symptom onset, and 2) at least 24 hrs. fever-free without fever reducing medications; and 3) symptoms improving.

If your child gets either a PCR or Antigen COVID-19 test, the results will be interpreted as follows:

- PCR positive(+) OR Antigen positive(+): Your child has COVID-19 and this is reported to the health department. Your child must isolate at home for 1)10 days from illness onset, and 2) at least 24 hrs. fever-free without fever reducing medications; and 3) symptoms improving. Your family will be contacted by the health department.
- Antigen negative(-): Unfortunately this result does not rule out that your child has COVID-19. Your child will need a PCR test. If your child doesn't get a PCR test then they must stay at home for 1)10 days from symptom onset, and 2) at least 24 hrs. fever-free without fever reducing medications; and 3) symptoms improving.
- PCR negative(-): your sick child does not have COVID-19 and can return to school as directed by your doctor and/or normal school policy for return to school. School policy is usually symptom and fever free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication and/or 24-48 hours symptom free for nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

3. Where can I get testing?

PCR testing is available at the Health Department in Okaloosa County Monday – Friday. Monday and Friday the testing is done at our Fort Walton Beach location. Wednesday the testing is done at our Crestview location. Tuesdays and Thursdays testing is done at various community locations to include Crestview Community Center, NWFSC- Niceville, NWFSC-FWB; and Morgan Sports Center Complex -Destin. Times and locations for health department and community test sites are at www.healthyokaloosa.com. Health department locations are also a drive-thru but done by appointment to reduce wait time. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 850-344-0566 and can be scheduled same day. This telephone line is open Monday – Friday 7 AM to 5 PM.