



As the symptoms of COVID-19 are like other viruses, such as the flu and stomach bug, your child is being sent home to protect other students and staff. The following are recommendations from the CT. Department of Public Health for all schools.

WHAT TO DO?

- Call your child’s medical provider for direction on what to do. They will decide whether to test your child for COVID-19 and/or see them in the office especially if your child has chronic health issues. Your child can return to school with a note stating they have something other than COVID-19 such as strep throat once their symptoms have improved per the school illness policy.
- **Test for COVID-19**
 1. Call your medical provider for a referral for testing or call 2-1-1. Testing is free.
 2. **Test Positive:** If your child tests **positive** for COVID-19:
 - a. Everyone in your household must stay home, away from other people for at least 14 days (see quarantine fact sheet).
 - b. Call the school to notify them of the positive result.
 - c. The child who tests positive must be isolated from the rest of the family, preferably in a separate room. If they are young and need your help, masks must be worn. Unfortunately, in this situation, quarantine would not begin until your child is off isolation (minimum of 10 days). More information on Isolation and quarantine can be found at www.llhd.org.
 - d. Someone from our office will be calling to do contact tracing. Please work with us to ensure that any close contacts to your child are identified.
 - e. There will be daily check-in of your family by our office or the CT Department of Health to check on symptoms and any needs.
 - f. Your child can return to school after 10 days of isolation if they have not had a fever in the past 24 hours and did not take any fever reducing medication such as Tylenol or Advil, and their symptoms are improved. We will give you the date that your child can return to school.
 3. **Test Negative**
 - a. May return to school with a copy of the negative results (ask your provider to fax it to the school).
 - b. All symptoms that sent the student home must be gone for at least 24 hours or as directed by school policy.
 4. **Not Tested**
 - a. Must isolate at home for 10 days in case they are COVID-19 positive.

Testing Sites:

Yale New Haven (L+M & Westerly Hospitals): recommended to contact your medical provider for guidance. A test order and appointment are required prior to arriving at the test site. If you don’t have a medical provider, to obtain an order and schedule an appointment call 833-275-9644. An order will be placed and an appointment can be made.

<i>Lawrence + Memorial Hospital</i>	365 Montauk Ave, New London, CT	Drive Through Walk-Up	M-W 8:00am-3:00pm; Thursday 8:00am-2:00pm; Friday 8:00am-12:00pm	8:00am-3:00pm
<i>Westerly Hospital</i>	25 Wells St. Westerly, RI	Drive Through Walk-Up	8:00am-12:30pm	8:00am-11:00am

Hartford Health Care (Backus Hospital): recommended to contact your medical provider for an order. If your child does not have a medical provider- call 833-621-0600. Testing is at Backus Hospital from 8-12noon.

Community Health Center 1 Shaw’s Cove, New London: Monday-Friday 9am-1pm. Walk-ups/drive-ups welcome. Can call for an appointment 475-241-0740. No physician order needed, just bring a photo ID. Open to everyone, do not need to be a patient.