



LESTER C. NOECKER SCHOOL

ROSELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Noecker Families,

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Communicable Disease Service has disseminated the following guidance through the New Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics regarding students who exhibit COVID symptoms and their school attendance.

Please be aware that we will be following the NJDOH guidance - any child with COVID symptoms will require a negative test result or the completion of isolation prior to returning to Noecker School.

Thank you and please stay well! We want to see *everyone* soon!

Deanne Somers, Superintendent

In the context of an ongoing state-wide second wave, New Jersey continues to experience COVID-19 transmission among school-aged children. In children, signs/symptoms are often mild, and it may not be possible to clinically distinguish COVID-19 from other illnesses. For this reason, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) recommends that any child with COVID-19 compatible symptoms should not return to school until they have either received a negative viral test (molecular or antigen) for SARS-CoV-2 or they have completed an isolation period of at least 10 days since symptom onset and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever without fever-reducing medications with symptom improvement. A purely clinical alternative diagnosis is no longer acceptable.

Should you have any questions regarding this guidance, please contact your local health department or the NJDOH at: DOH-CDS.COV.SCC@doh.nj.gov.

NJ Testing sites: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing#test-sites>

CDRSS: <https://cdrs.doh.state.nj.us/cdrss/login/loginPage>

NJ Local Health Department Directory: www.localhealth.nj.gov