



Attestation Form

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Grade: _____

The attestation form must be completed for each student in Watauga County Schools prior to the student beginning in person instruction at school. The form should be completed and returned to your child's school.

1. Has your child had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any health department or health care provider been in contact with you and advised you to quarantine?

- YES > The child should not be at school. The child can return 14 days after the last time he or she had close contact with someone with COVID-19, or as listed below.
- NO > The child can be at school if the child is not experiencing symptoms.

2. Does your child have any of these symptoms?

- Fever
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New cough
- New loss of taste or smell

If a child has any of these symptoms, they should stay home, stay away from other people, and you should call the child's health care provider.

I understand that should my child develop any symptoms while at school, I will promptly arrange to have him/her picked up within 30 minutes of notification.

3. Since they were last at school, has your child been diagnosed with COVID-19?

- YES
- NO

If your child is diagnosed with COVID-19 based on a test, their symptoms, or does not get a COVID-19 test but has had symptoms, they may not be at school and must stay at home until they meet the criteria below.

Criteria for Return after Diagnosis of Close Contact

A child can return to school when a family member can ensure that they can answer YES to ALL three questions:

- Has it been at least 10 days since the child first had symptoms?
- Has it been at least 24 hours since the child had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine)?
- Has there been symptom improvement, including cough and shortness of breath?

If a child has had a negative COVID-19 test (**and was not considered a close contact**), they can return to school once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines and they have felt well for 24 hours.

If a child has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but does not have symptoms, they should remain out of school until 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.

If a child has been determined to have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, they should remain out of school for 14 days since the last known contact, unless they test positive. In which case, criteria above would apply. They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if they test negative.

By signing below, I attest to the following:

1. I will screen my child every morning, every day, for the 2020-21 school year and will NOT send my child to school if the answer to any of the 3 questions above is YES.
2. By sending my child to school on any given day, I certify that I have screened my child on that day and the answer to ALL 3 of the questions above is NO.
3. If my child is diagnosed with COVID-19, I will not send my child back to school until they meet the criteria for return.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ / _____ / _____, _____: _____ AM/PM
Month Day Year Time