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**APS “Test to Return” Protocol A: for individuals who test positive for COVID-19**

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Return to school: On day 11 OR on days 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, provided the Individual:

- Has tested negative on a rapid antigen test and [reported their result to APS using this form](#); and
- Has been without fever for 24 hours (and without taking fever-reducing medications); and,
- Has experienced improvement in other symptoms; and
- Can mask for 5 additional days when around others, except when eating. If a student cannot mask, follow [DESE protocol/FAQ](#).

If an individual tests positive as part of a group pooled test, the 5-day period begins the day the positive group pooled test is collected OR the day symptoms begin, whichever occurs first.

**About “Testing to Return:”**

- Only Binax and iHealth at-home or school-administered tests must be used for return testing after an infection.
- **Students may test-to-return at home any time between Days 6-11.**
  - The APS can provide ONE school-based test per student between Days 6-11.
  - Families may use at-home iHealth/Binax tests provided by APS OR purchase their own.
  - Students who test positive must continue to isolate.
  - Students who test negative may attend school the following day.
- **Test-to-Return Clinics:**
  - APS will continue to hold Test-to-Return Clinics at AHS on Mondays-Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm through January 31st, 2022.
  - **Beginning 2/1/2022, we will discontinue clinics and individual families will be responsible for testing-to-return and reporting their results [here](#).**

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**APS has the ability to provide test-to-return resources as necessary for families who cannot access additional at-home testing.** Please discuss any testing or transportation challenges with your school administrator to make arrangements.