

17 Q&A on school reopening, on Monday 10 January 2022.

1. How many self tests will the students take in the first week?

An additional self test is planned for the first week of reopening; therefore three self tests will be carried out instead of two. From the second week onwards, after 17 January the students will take two self tests.

2. When do you have to take the self tests?

Self-test are to be taken up to 24 hours prior to the children's presence at school every Tuesday and Friday and for the first week (10/01-15/01), the test must be taken up to 24 hours before Monday (10 /01), Tuesday (11 /01) and Friday (14 /01).

3. Are the self tests mandatory for those who are fully vaccinated?

Screening diagnostic tests for the new corona virus via self testing is compulsory for all pupils, vaccinated and non-vaccinated, as well as for vaccinated teachers.

4. Where to report a self test result?

The report and outcome of a self test shall be recorded on the edupass.gov.gr (not on the self-testing.gov.gr) platform for public school units, from which the School Card for COVID-19 is issued.

For students attending private school facilities the report and outcome of a self test is to be submitted on the self-testing.gov.gr platform.

5. Where should teachers record and declare their self tests results?

According to the Ministry of Education, on the <https://edupass.gov.gr> platform.

6. What applies to teachers who are not vaccinated?

Teachers who are not vaccinated should carry out two Rapid antigen tests and a self test - all at their own cost - the first week of operation of schools, and in particular a Rapid antigen test will have to be taken up to 48 hours before Monday (10 /01) and Friday (14 /01) and a self test should be taken up to 24 hours before Tuesday's arrival (11 /01). Upon the second week of school operating, non-vaccinated teachers will have to undergo two Rapid antigen tests per week, before school on Tuesdays and Fridays (every week).

7. What about teachers who have become ill?

Teachers who have become ill have the same status as vaccinated teachers.

8. What happens in case of an outbreak in a classroom?

In case of a COVID case in the classroom, we leave the logic of the "cross", i.e. the increased controls only to the children sitting near the case, and we extend to increased controls throughout the department. Now all unvaccinated students will have a free test, every day, for 5 days. Specifically, they will do two rapid antigen tests and a self test for 5 days in a row, in addition to the two self tests per week, so 5 tests within 5 days. The vaccinated students will take a self-test, in addition to the two weekly self-tests, i.e. a total of three free self-tests per week.

9. What about unvaccinated teachers?

The unvaccinated educators will do five tests in five days: two rapid antigen tests and a self test, apart from the two rapid antigen tests that are they already undergo every week.

The vaccinated teachers will undergo 3 free self tests for free a week.

10. Does anything change about masks during the breaks?

All other provisions of the operating protocol, such as mandatory rapid antigen tests for teachers that are not vaccinated, compulsory use of indoor and outdoor masks, different breaks for groups of pupils, suspension of excursions, shall continue to apply.

11. When does a class suspend its operation?

The operation of a class of the school unit shall be suspended only where the number of confirmed cases exceeds the number corresponding to 50 per cent (50%) plus one (1) of all pupils attending that class of the school unit.

12. What will happen if a student is diagnosed as positive for COVID-19?

If a student is tested positive for COVID-19, then he or she will be isolated for at least 5 days. Isolation will be discontinued after 5 days (a) if there are no symptoms, or the symptoms after five days - predominant of fever - subside, and (b) with a

negative self-test. If the fever persists or there is a positive self (or rapid) test, isolation will be prolonged.

13. What will happen if a teacher is diagnosed as positive for COVID-19?

If a teacher is diagnosed positive with COVID-19, then he will be isolated for at least 5 days. Isolation will be discontinued after 5 days (a) if there are no symptoms, or symptoms after five days - predominant of fever - subside, and (b) with negative self-test for vaccinated teachers, and negative laboratory test (rapid or PCR) for unvaccinated teachers. If the fever persists or there is a positive self or rapid test, isolation will be prolonged. When leaving the quarantine, teachers are required to use a high respiratory protection mask (N95 or KN95 or FFP2) or a double mask for at least another 5 days.

14. What is provided for students and teachers in case of close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 outside of school? That is, what happens when, for example, there is a case in the house?

In the event that students or teachers are in close contact with COVID-19 outside of school:

Teachers, vaccinated and booster or teachers vaccinated with 2 doses in the last 6 months or with one dose of J&J vaccine in the last 2 months, come to school regularly and perform a laboratory test (rapid or molecular test) on the 5th day after exposure. Teachers wear a high respiratory protection mask (N95 or KN95 or FFP2) or a double mask for 10 days after exposure.

Teachers, vaccinated with 2 doses over 6 months without booster dose or with one dose of J&J vaccine over 2 months without booster dose or unvaccinated, remain in isolation for 5 days, and perform a laboratory test (rapid or molecular test) on the 5th day after exposure. After the 5th day, teachers use a high respiratory protection mask (N95 or KN95 or FFP2) or a double mask for at least another 5 days.

If these are vaccinated students, then they come to school normally and take three self-tests on days 0-1, 3 and 5-7.

If they are unvaccinated students, then they remain in isolation for 5 days, and perform a self-test on the 5th day after the exposure.

15. What about unvaccinated students and teachers who have become ill?

Unvaccinated students or teachers who have become ill in the last trimester have the same status as vaccinated students or teachers respectively.

16. When will e-learning take place?

Distance learning will be done exceptionally in specific cases that include the following:

If confirmed cases of COVID-19 are detected in a school class, at the same time, in more than half (50% + 1) of its students.

If a primary education teacher (teacher / kindergarten teacher, non-specialty) is ill, and there is no possibility from the relevant Directorate of Education for his immediate replacement but e-learning is provided by another teacher.

If a teacher is positive, and while in isolation, he / she wishes to do distance learning on an optional basis.

For students who have one of the most serious underlying diseases listed in Annex I of the Protocol "Measures to protect and prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus in schools" and participate in online classes.

17. Until when can students and teachers pick up self-tests from the drugstores?

Students of all levels, vaccinated and non-vaccinated, as well as vaccinated teachers, will be supplied until Saturday, January 8th, five (5) free self-diagnostic (self) tests from the drugstores, in order to meet the control needs of the first two weeks of reopening of schools, i.e. from 10th to 21st January. The free disposal of self-test from drugstores will also take place during the holiday of the Epiphany on Thursday 6/01 from on-call drugstores.