

COVID-19 SCHOOL EXCLUSION GUIDANCE

Decision Tree for Schools

Send home or deny entry if **ANY** of the following symptoms are present:

Fever (100.4°F or higher) **OR** loss of taste and/or smell **OR** two or more of the following symptoms: fatigue, headache, muscle/body aches, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain. This is in addition to general infectious disease exclusion guidance. Parents of children who are ill should contact their child's health care provider. **When there is more community transmission, the likelihood that individuals with symptoms actually have COVID-19 is higher. Therefore, symptom screenings may be more helpful when COVID-19 transmission in the community is high. Parents/caregivers should be encouraged to monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day.**

Child is ill, but has seen a health care provider:

Tested Positive for COVID-19 *^c

Stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms **and** for 24 hours with no fever **and** improvement of symptoms – **whichever is longer.**

Clinically diagnosed (not tested) for COVID-19 *^c

Stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms **and** for 24 hours with no fever **and** improvement of symptoms – **whichever is longer.**

Child has a diagnosis from a health care provider of an illness besides COVID-19 (e.g., norovirus, strep throat) ^d

Follow provider directions/ recommended treatment & return guidance.

Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance.

Child is ill, but has not seen a health care provider:

Symptoms listed above ^c

Stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset **and** for 24 hours with no fever **and** improvement of symptoms – **whichever is longer.**

Other symptoms not consistent with COVID-19 ^d

Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance.

Child was identified by public health as a close contact to someone with covid-19:

Regardless if symptoms present or not ^x

Stay home at least 14 calendar days from the last time exposed to a COVID-19 case. Contacts should be tested 7 -10 days after last exposure. 14-day quarantine must continue regardless of test results.

* Siblings & household members also stay home for 14 days from last time exposed to a COVID-19 case while contagious.

^c (Teal Box) = COVID-19

^d (Green box) = Other symptoms

^x (Blue Box) = Close Contact. Household contacts of confirmed cases need to stay home for case's 10-day isolation period plus the 14-day quarantine period. Students and staff who tested positive for COVID-19 in the past three months do not need to quarantine if identified as a close contact within 3 months of a positive test.