

# Student/Staff Symptom Decision Tree

Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure

## Low-risk: general symptoms



Fever ( $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ )



Sore throat



Congestion/runny nose



Headache



Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea



Fatigue/muscle or body aches

## High-risk: red flag symptoms



Cough



Difficulty breathing



Loss of taste/smell

### Exposure to COVID-19 positive person?

Close contact: less than 6 feet, 15 minutes or longer

**NO**

▶ 1 **low risk** symptom



Send home



Return to school 24 hrs after symptom resolution (without fever reducing medication)

▶  $\geq 2$  **low risk** symptoms  
OR 1 **high risk** symptom



Send home



Evaluation by health care provider

1

Health care provider confirms alternative diagnosis for symptoms. A health care provider's note must be on file. SARS-CoV-2 PCR test not needed.



Return to school after 24 hrs without fever and symptoms improving

2

**Negative** SARS-CoV-2 PCR test.



Return to school after 24 hrs without fever and symptoms improving

3

**Positive** SARS-CoV-2 PCR test  
OR  
No provider visit or test.



**Return to school only after 10 days since symptom onset and 24 hrs without fever. Quarantine close contacts of confirmed cases. If any questions, contact local health care provider.**

**YES**



Stay home\*



**Return to school after 14 days from last contact, unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, perform SARS-CoV-2 PCR test.**

\*In consultation with local health care provider

This care pathway was designed to assist school personnel and is not intended to replace the clinician's judgment or establish a protocol for all patients with a particular condition.

Diagnosis and treatment should be under the close supervision of a qualified health care provider.

Guidance might change 09-12-20

