Student/Staff Symptom Decision Tree
Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure

Low-risk: general symptoms
- Fever (≥100.4°F)
- Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea

High-risk: red flag symptoms
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste/smell
- Fatigue/muscle or body aches

Exposure to COVID-19 positive person?
- Close contact: less than 6 feet, 15 minutes or longer

NO
- 1 low risk symptom
  → STOP
  → Send home
  → Evaluation by health care provider

- ≥2 low risk symptoms
  OR 1 high risk symptom
  → STOP
  → Send home
  → Evaluation by health care provider

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.

1. Negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test.
2. Positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR test
   OR
   No provider visit or test.
3. Return to school after 24 hrs without fever and symptoms improving

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