

COVID-19

What to do if a student has COVID-19 Symptoms?

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COVID-19 SCREENING CRITERIA

Exposure	High Risk Symptoms	Moderate Risk Symptoms
To a person with COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New cough • Difficulty breathing • Loss of taste/smell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever ($\geq 100.4^\circ$) or chills • Congestion/runny nose • Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea • Sore throat • Headache • Muscle or body aches

Scenario 1: What to do if a student has symptoms of COVID-19?

Screening Results	Does the Child Require a COVID-19 Test?	When Can the Child Return to School?
<p>1 moderate risk symptom</p> <p>AND</p> <p>No COVID-19 exposure</p>	NO	<p>Return to school 24 hours after fever resolution and symptom improvement.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>If the provider believes that an alternate diagnosis is the cause of signs and symptoms, return precautions should be specific to diagnosis.</p>

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Scenario 2: What to do if a student has symptoms of COVID-19?

Screening Results	Does the Child Require a COVID-19 Test?	When Can the Child Return to School?
<p>1 high risk symptom</p> <p>OR</p> <p>≥2 moderate risk symptoms</p> <p>AND</p> <p>No COVID-19 exposure</p>	YES	<p>Negative COVID-19 Test: Return to school 24 hours after fever resolution and symptom improvement.</p> <p>OR If the provider believes that an alternate diagnosis is the cause of signs and symptoms, return precautions should be specific to diagnosis.</p> <p>Positive COVID-19 Test or NO* Test: Return to school at least 24 hours since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND improvement in symptoms.</p> <p>AND At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.</p>

* In cases where COVID-19 testing cannot be performed in a student with COVID-19 symptoms, the decision to return to school sooner can be made by the school nurse and/or COVID-19 team in conjunction with the student's medical provider.

Scenario 3: What to do if a student has a COVID-19 EXPOSURE?

Screening Results	Does the Child Require a COVID-19 Test?	When Can the Child Return to School? **
Exposure to a person with COVID-19	Can be considered based on local resources	Quarantine for 14 days from last exposure to a person with confirmed or suspected COVID-19. This could be >14 days depending on the last point of contact. If child develops high risk or moderate risk symptoms during quarantine, they need to be evaluated for COVID-19

** Children who had COVID-19 illness and fully recovered do NOT need to be quarantined if they are subsequently exposed within the next 3 months and do not have symptoms.