

Student Symptom Decision Tree

Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure

Low-risk: general symptoms

High-risk: red flag symptoms



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



Sore throat



Cough



Congestion/runny nose



Headache



Difficulty breathing



Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea



Fatigue/muscle or body aches



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)

▶ ≥ 2 **low risk** symptoms
OR 1 **high risk** symptom



Send home



Evaluation by health care provider

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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 10 days from last contact, unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, perform SARS-CoV-2 PCR test.

* Unless vaccinated, then monitor for symptoms. All others, consult with primary care provider for quarantine guidance.

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.