

# 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 for COVID-19  
\*<sup>c</sup>

Stay home awaiting test results. If **positive**, stay home at least 10

calendar days from onset of symptoms (or collection date of test if no symptoms) **and** for 24 hours with no fever (without the use of medication) **and** improvement of symptoms – **whichever is longer**. If **negative**, stay home until fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of medication) and feeling better.

Clinically diagnosed (not tested) with COVID-19 \*<sup>c</sup>

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) <sup>d</sup>

Follow provider directions/ recommended treatment & return guidance. Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance.

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.

If both the case and their close contacts were wearing a mask at all times during exposure, then the close contacts would not need to quarantine.

<sup>c</sup> (Teal Box) = COVID-19  
<sup>d</sup> (Green box) = Other symptoms

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

Symptoms listed above <sup>c</sup>

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 <sup>d</sup>

Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance.

**whichever is longer.**

\* (Blue Box) = Close Contact.  
\* Siblings & household contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case will need to monitor themselves and quarantine during the case's infectious period (this is typically 10 days) AND for their designated quarantine periods. Quarantine will end 14, 10, or 7 days after the case's infectious period ends.

**-It is recommended that you quarantine for 14 days from your last exposure to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.**  
**-You may be released from quarantine AFTER DAY 10 if you remain symptom free.**  
**-You may be released from quarantine AFTER DAY 7 if you remain symptom free and test negative for COVID 19 (PCR or Antigen). Note: the test must occur on Day 5 or later.**

Vaccinated individuals can be exempted from quarantine if they meet **ALL** the following criteria:

- Are fully vaccinated (i.e. ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine).
- Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series.
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure.

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

Regardless if symptoms present or not <sup>x</sup>

May quarantine for the full 14-day quarantine period **OR** if you remain symptom-free, you may reduce your quarantine period from 14 days to 10 days. If you receive a negative result from a COVID test (PCR or Antigen and remain symptom free you can reduce your quarantine to 7 days. Test must occur on Day 5 or later. Earliest release date is after Day 7.



# COVID-19 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE

## Decision Tree for Parents

**Parents/caregivers should monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day.**

Do not send your child to school 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. People who are ill should contact their health care provider for additional guidance.

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

**Tested for COVID-19 \*c**

Stay home awaiting test results. If **positive**, stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms (or collection date of test if no symptoms) **and** for 24 hours with no fever (without the use of medication) **and** improvement of symptoms – **whichever is longer**. If **negative**, stay home until fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of medication) and feeling better.

**Diagnosed (not tested) with COVID-19 \*c**

Stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms **and** for 24 hours with no fever (without the use of medication) **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) <sup>d</sup>

Follow provider directions/  
recommended treatment & return guidance

Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance.

*Students 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.*

*If both the case and their close contacts were wearing a mask at all times during exposure, then the close contacts would **not** need to quarantine*

c (Red Box) = COVID-19  
d (Yellow box) = Other symptoms

**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 <sup>d</sup>**

Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance.

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