

COVID-19 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** 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 **OR** loss of taste and/or smell. This is in addition to general infectious disease exclusion guidance. Parents of children who are ill should contact their child's health care provider. **CDC does not**

recommend universal symptom screenings (screening all students grades K-12) be conducted by schools. 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 Positive for COVID-19 ^{a,c}

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.**

Clinically diagnosed (not tested) for COVID-19 ^{a,c}

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.**

Alternate clinical diagnosis or laboratory confirmed condition (e.g., norovirus, strep throat) ^d

Follow provider directions/ recommended treatment & return guidance

Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance.

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 ^d

Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance.

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

Regardless if symptoms present or not ^c

Stay home at least 14 calendar days from the last time exposed to a COVID-19 case. Contacts should be tested 7 - 10 days after last exposure. 14-day quarantine must continue regardless of test results.

** Siblings & household members also stay home for 14 days from last exposure to a COVID-19 case while contagious*
^c (Red Box) = COVID-19
^d (Yellow box) = Other symptoms