



Symptom Assessment Protocols

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Daily assessments **prior to arrival at school**: It is essential that students, caregivers, teachers, associated staff, volunteers, authorized visitors, etc. conduct daily health checks prior to arrival at school. Health checks should include taking temperatures and assessing for symptoms. Symptoms of COVID-19 may range from mild to severe, and can appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms to assess for COVID-19 include:

- Fever of 100.0 o F or higher
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Anyone experiencing symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing and/or loss of taste and smell should stay home (or be sent home) AND contact their health care provider for evaluation and/or testing. If the individual chooses not to seek medical care, or if they do seek care and there is no alternative more likely diagnosis and COVID-19 is suspected or confirmed, the ill person should remain at home until the following criteria are met:

- No fever (without using fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours, **and**,
- Other symptoms are improving, **and**,
- It has been 10 days since the symptoms first appeared.
- To return to school, it is recommended, if possible, the student should be transported to school by the parent and should be checked by the school nurse/health personnel. **(This is a requirement of Felicity Schools as listed in the Return to School Plan)**
- If an alternative diagnosis is made, the individual may return to school 24 hours after symptom resolution with a note from their provider.
- **If a student or staff member seeks medical care and the physician administers a COVID 19 test, the student/staff member must remain out of school until the test results are returned, regardless of any alternative diagnosis the physician may have given.**

Individuals experiencing any other symptoms should be handled in the routine manner adopted by current school district policies, including resolution of symptoms 24 hours before return to school.

