

Student Symptom Decision Tree

Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure

Low-risk: general symptoms



Fever ($\geq 99.5^{\circ}$, no touch;
 $F \geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$, oral)



Sore throat



Congestion/runny nose



Headache



Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea



Fatigue/muscle
or body aches

High-risk: red flag symptoms



Cough



Difficulty breathing



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

*In consultation with local health care provider

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.

Guidance might change 09-12-20