Student Symptom Decision Tree

Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure

Low-risk: general symptoms

- Fever (≥100.4°F)
- 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: Within 6 ft for > 15 minutes cumulative (regardless of mask)

NO

- 1 **low risk** symptom → STOP → Send home → Return to school 24 hrs after symptom resolution (without fever reducing medication)
- ≥2 **low risk** symptoms OR 1 **high risk** symptom → STOP → Send home → Evaluation by health care provider

1. 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. Contact HCA if questions.**

YES → STOP → Stay home* → **Return to school after 10 days from last exposure, unless symptoms develop. Continue symptom monitoring through 14 days after last exposure. If symptoms develop obtain a PCR test.**

*In consultation with OC Health Care Agency (HCA)

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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 12-10-20