

# Student Symptom Decision Tree

Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure

## Low-risk: general symptoms

## High-risk: red flag symptoms



Fever ( $\geq 100.0$  °F)



Sore throat



Cough



Congestion/runny nose



Headache



Difficulty breathing



Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea



Fatigue/muscle or body aches



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)

▶  $\geq 2$  low risk symptoms  
OR 1 high risk symptom



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/Antigen lab tests for symptomatic persons. Home tests not accepted.



Return to school after 24 hrs without fever and symptoms improving

3

**Positive SARS-CoV-2**  
PCR, Antigen or home test.  
OR  
No provider visit or test.



Return to school only after 5-10 days since symptom onset AND without symptoms of illness. Quarantine close contacts of confirmed cases. If any questions, contact local healthcare provider.

**YES**



Stay home



Consult with your healthcare provider and/or school nurse.

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.