

COVID-19 School Exclusion Recommendations

Exclusion From and Return to School Recommendations

COVID-19 Symptoms

<u>Two</u> of the following symptoms: fever (measured or subjective), chills, fatigue, myalgia, headache, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea OR <u>One</u> of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell

Individual should be tested for COVID-19.

- If test result is negative **OR** doctor's note with differential diagnosis, return to school after 24 hours afebrile <u>and</u> improved respiratory symptoms
- If test result is positive or individual is unable/refuses to get tested, may return to school after:
 - > 24 hours with no fever and
 - Improvement in symptoms and
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared

Positive COVID-19 PCR or Antigen (Point of Care) Test

Close Contact to Positive*

*If testing resources are sufficient, close contacts

Within 6ft for 15 minutes or more

should be tested regardless of symptoms

Household contact

WITH SYMPTOMS

May return to school after:

- 24 hours with no fever and
- · improvement in symptoms and
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared

WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

May return to school after:

• 10 days after specimen was collected

If symptoms develop during the 10 days, follow return to school guidance for positive PCR or Antigen test with symptoms

WITH SYMPTOMS

Individual should be tested for COVID-19

May return to school after:

- 24 hours with no fever and
- improvement in symptoms <u>and</u>
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared

WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

Quarantine can end 10 days after exposure without testing <u>or</u> after 7 days with a negative PCR or antigen test (must be collected on day 5 or thereafter)

 Household contacts may require further investigation, by either OPH or school officials, to determine dates of quarantine

The most protective recommended quarantine remains 14 days post exposure.

It is recommended that symptom monitoring continue until day 14. If symptoms develop during the 14 days, follow return to school guidance for Close Contact with symptoms

COVID VACCINATION

People who are vaccinated against COVID-19 do NOT need to quarantine after an exposure to another person with COVID-19 if they meet ALL of the following criteria:

- They are fully vaccinated (i.e. ≥2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine)
- They are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series <u>AND</u>
- They have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure.

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