

Student Symptom Decision Tree

Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure

Low Risk: General Symptoms



Fever
(100.4°F or greater)



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 hours
after symptom resolution
(without medication)

2 or more **low risk** symptoms
OR 1 **high risk** symptom
(which cannot be explained
with pre-existing conditions)



Send home



Evaluation by health

1

Health care provider confirms
alternative diagnosis for symptoms.
A health care provider's note must
be on file. COVID test not needed.



Return to school after 24 hours without
fever and symptoms are improving

2

Negative COVID test.



Return to school after 24 hours without
fever and symptoms are improving

3

Positive COVID
OR
No provider visit or test.



Return to school only after 10 days since
symptom onset and 24 hours without fever.
Quarantine close contacts of confirmed
cases. If any questions, contact local health
care provider.

YES



Stay Home*



Return to school after 10 days from last
contact, unless symptoms develop. If
symptoms develop, perform COVID test.

*In consultation with local health care provider