

Return to School Guidance for Students with Symptoms

Student has **ANY** of the following symptom (new/different/worse from baseline of any chronic illness):

- Temperature 100.4 or signs of fever (chills/sweating)
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache
- New change in taste or smell (taste or smell disorder)

EXCLUDE FROM SCHOOL

Student has **ANY** close contact or potential exposure risk in the past 14 days:

- Had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19
- Had travel history outside state or country or on a cruise

NO

Student may return based on the guidance for their symptoms (see “[Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools](#)”):

1. Fever: at least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications
2. Sore throat: improvement (if strep throat: do not return until at least 2 doses of antibiotic have been taken);
3. Cough/Shortness of breath: improvement
4. Diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain: no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours
5. Severe headache: improvement

NO

1. Refer to Healthcare Provider
2. Refer to COVID-19 testing location for possible testing
*(Schools **should not** require testing results as a part of return to school policies.)*

YES

Diagnosed with COVID-19 OR no other diagnosis available

COVID-19 Test Results NEGATIVE

HOME ISOLATION UNTIL:

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **AND**
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **AND**
- Symptoms have improved

1. Had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 within last 14 days or
2. Traveled out of state or country or been on a cruise

YES

Finish 14 Day Quarantine