COVID-19 Student Screening Tool

This screening tool can be used in the event a student becomes ill or as a pre-screening tool for parents or school staff to determine if a student or staff member should be sent home and when they may return to school.

1. Does this student have any of the following symptoms? If yes, date first symptom began: ___/___/____

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Cough
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle or body aches
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose

If a student has any of these symptoms and they cannot be attributed to another diagnosis, the student may have COVID-19. The student should be sent home to be medically assessed by the student’s health care provider. Follow exclusion criteria for alternate diagnosis and isolation criteria for a diagnosis of COVID-19.

2. Has this student been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days? If yes, date: ___/___/____

- Yes
- No

If a student is diagnosed by their healthcare provider with COVID-19 based on a test and/or their symptoms, they should not be at school and should stay at home until they meet the criteria below. If a student has been tested, but has not received their result, the student should remain home until the result is known and further guidance is received.

Returning to School after a COVID-19 Diagnosis or Positive Test

A student can return to school when a family member can ensure that they can answer YES to ALL three questions:

- Has it been at least 5 full days since the student first had symptoms?
- Has it been at least 24 hours since the student had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine)?
- Has there been symptom improvement, including cough and shortness of breath?

If a student has had a negative COVID-19 test, they can return to school after at least 5 full days from the date the first symptom began once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines and they have felt well for 24 hours.

If a student has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but does not have symptoms, they should remain out of school until 5 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test and mask 5 additional days, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.

A student can return to school, following normal school policies, if they receive confirmation of an alternative diagnosis from a health care provider that would explain the COVID-19-like symptom(s), once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines and they have felt well for 24 hours.