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.

A YES answer to any of the following questions means that the student should not be at school.

1. Has this student had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) with or without a mask in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any health department or health care provider advised the student to quarantine? If yes, date of last exposure to close contact: __/__/____

   - Yes > The student should not be at school. The student can return 14 days after the last time he or she had close contact with someone with COVID-19. This advice to stay home for 14 days is not changed even if the close contact receives a negative test.

   - No > The student can be at school if the student is not experiencing symptoms.

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

   - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
   - New cough
   - New loss of taste or smell

   If a student has any of these symptoms, they should go home, stay away from other people, and the family member should call the student’s health care provider.

   NOTE: If students or staff have fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, or runny nose, they should be sent home and medically assessed. Close contacts may remain at school until a clinical diagnosis or positive lab result is received for the ill individual.

3. Has this student been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days? If yes, date: __/__/____

   - Yes > 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.

   - No

Returning to School

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 10 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 10 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 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.

If a student has been determined to have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, they should remain out of school for 14 days since the last known contact, unless they test positive in which case, criteria above would apply. They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if they test negative.

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.

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