

COVID-19 FEVER/SYMPTOMS FLOW SHEET

While at school, student or staff has temp >100.4° F (non-touch forehead thermometer) that does not resolve within 10 minutes.

OR

While at school, student or staff has symptoms of COVID-19 which may include:

Group A 1 or more symptoms	Group B 2 or more symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever (100.4 or higher)• Cough*• Shortness of breath*• Difficulty breathing• New lack of smell or taste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sore throat• Runny nose/congestion*• Chills• Muscle pain/ body aches*• Nausea or Vomiting• Headache*• Diarrhea• Rash*• Fatigue*

*Disregard this symptom if school personnel already aware of non-COVID-19 chronic pre-existing condition that causes that symptom AND if the nature of that symptom (duration, intensity, etc.) is consistent with what school personnel are familiar.

Student or staff should go home/stay home if:

- Have one or more symptoms in Group A **OR**
- Have two or more symptoms in Group B **OR**
- Are taking fever reducing medication.

ACTIONS: Wear appropriate PPE; Isolate student/staff until they can be sent home (students will not be transported on the bus if displaying COVID-19 symptoms); Refer student/staff to Primary Care Physician (MD/DO/NP)

Students with Symptoms to Stay Home until...

With a COVID-19 Test

Without COVID-19 Test
but with Note from Physician

Without a COVID-19 Test or
Note from MD/DO/NP

Positive Test

Negative Test

School nurse receives a lab result **or** a note from licensed MD/DO/NP indicating a negative test result, and student is fever-free for 24 hours without medication and without other COVID-19 symptoms.

School nurse receives a note from licensed MD/DO/NP who manages child attesting to a medical condition unrelated to COVID-19.

The note must include MD/DO/NP's contact information and be accompanied by a signed parent consent (permission to release/receive information) for the school to interact with the MD/DO/NP.

Consider creating an individualized student health plan.

Follow State & Local Guidance for isolation, quarantine, contact tracing
MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN:

- 24 hours with no fever off meds **and**
- Respiratory and presenting symptoms have improved **and**
- 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

PLEASE NOTE: If someone reports direct contact for >15 minutes, closer than 6 feet, without a mask while indoors in the past 14 days to a person known or suspected to have COVID-19, use judicious self-protection, isolate individual, give a face mask, arrange immediate dismissal, and contact the Pandemic Coordinator who will proceed per local public health department protocols.

Quarantine and School Absence Procedures for Symptomatic and Exposed **UNVACCINATED** Students:

For students who have a confirmed case of COVID-19:

- A student who had confirmed positive case of COVID-19 can return to school when:
 - They are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications; **and**
 - Respiratory and presenting symptoms have improved; **and**
 - At least 10 days have passed since that date of symptom onset.

For symptomatic students *without* known exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case:

- **If testing for COVID-19 is not performed**, students should isolate at home until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication **and** their respiratory and presenting symptoms have improved, **and** at least 10 days have passed since date of symptom.
- **If testing for COVID-19 is negative**, students should stay home until fever-free for 24 hours and symptoms are resolved. Proof of a negative test will be required to return to school in this situation. At home tests are not accepted as proof of negativity.
- **If released by a physician due to a confirmed non-COVID related illness**, students should base their return date on the doctor's release. Students must present a physician's note to the school nurse prior to returning to school.

For symptomatic students with a known close exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case:

- Students are encouraged to consult their medical provider and be tested for COVID-19.
- Students should isolate at home until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication **and** their respiratory and presenting symptoms have improved, **and** at least 10 days have passed since date of symptom onset.
- Students should inform their school nurse immediately if the ill person is diagnosed with COVID-19.

For UNVACCINATED students who are in close contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a confirmed case of COVID-19 when Universal Masking is in place:

- Students will not be required to quarantine after being exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual as long as they remain asymptomatic, provided both students were engaged in consistent and well-fitting face-masks.

For UNVACCINATED students who are in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 when Universal Masking is not in place:

- If an unvaccinated student is a close contact to someone with COVID-19, but they are not sick, they must quarantine at home and may not go to school until one of the following criteria is met:
 - 14 days have passed since the date of last known exposure, or;
 - 10 days have passed since the date of last known exposure but only if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring, or;
 - 7 days have passed since the date of last known exposure **and** if a diagnostic specimen tests negative **and** if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring, students selecting this option may be tested on or after **Day 5**. At home tests are not accepted as proof of negativity.
Note: Total days of quarantine may be longer than 10 days if the exposure was someone in the student's household.
- While at home, students should watch their health for signs of fever, cough, shortness of breath, and other COVID-19 symptoms.
- If a student develops symptoms of COVID-19 during their quarantine, they should consult their medical provider, seek testing for COVID-19, and follow guidance above for confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Quarantine and School Absence Procedures for Symptomatic and Exposed **VACCINATED** Students:

For students who have a confirmed case of COVID-19:

- A student who had confirmed positive case of COVID-19 can return to school when:
 - They are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications; **and**
 - Respiratory and presenting symptoms have improved; **and**
 - At least 10 days have passed since that date of symptom onset.

For symptomatic students *without* known exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case:

- **If testing for COVID-19 is not performed**, students should isolate at home until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication **and** their respiratory and presenting symptoms have improved, **and** at least 10 days have passed since date of symptom.
- **If testing for COVID-19 is negative**, students should stay home until fever-free for 24 hours and symptoms are resolved. Proof of a negative test will be required to return to school in this situation. At home tests are not accepted as proof of negativity.
- **If released by a physician due to a confirmed non-COVID related illness**, students should base their return date on the doctor's release. Students must present a physician's note to the school nurse prior to returning to school.

For symptomatic students with a known close exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case:

- Students are encouraged to consult their medical provider and be tested for COVID-19.
- Students should isolate at home until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication **and** their respiratory and presenting symptoms have improved, **and** at least 10 days have passed since date of symptom onset.
- Students should inform their school nurse immediately if the ill person is diagnosed with COVID-19.

For VACCINATED students who are in close contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a confirmed case of COVID-19 when Universal Masking is in place:

- Students who are fully vaccinated (two (2) weeks after their final dose of vaccine) will not be required to quarantine after being exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual as long as they remain asymptomatic.

For VACCINATED students who are in close contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a confirmed case of COVID-19 when Universal Masking is not in place:

- Students who are fully vaccinated should be tested 2-5 days following the close contact with someone with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 **and** wear a mask in indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result. At home tests are not accepted as proof of negativity.