

# COVID-19 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE

## Decision Tree for Parents

**Parents/caregivers should monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day.**

Do not send your child to school if **ANY** of the following symptoms are present:

Fever (100.4°F or higher) **OR** loss of taste and/or smell **OR** two or more of the following symptoms: fatigue, headache, muscle/body aches, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain. This is in addition to [general infectious disease exclusion guidance](#). People who are ill should contact their health care provider for additional guidance.

### Child is ill, but has seen a health care provider:

#### Tested for COVID-19 <sup>\*c</sup>

Stay home awaiting test results. If **positive**, stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms (or collection date of test if no symptoms) **and** for 24 hours with no fever (without the use of medication) **and** improvement of symptoms – **whichever is longer**. If **negative**, stay home until fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of medication) and feeling better.

#### Diagnosed (not tested) with COVID-19 <sup>\*c</sup>

Stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms **and** for 24 hours with no fever (without the use of medication) **and** improvement of symptoms – **whichever is longer**.

#### Child has a diagnosis from a health care provider of an illness besides COVID-19 (e.g., norovirus, strep throat) <sup>d</sup>

Follow provider directions/ recommended treatment & return guidance

Follow the [Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance](#).

*\* Siblings & household members also stay home for 14 days from last time exposed to a positive COVID-19 case while contagious.*

<sup>c</sup> (Red Box) = COVID-19

<sup>d</sup> (Yellow box) = Other symptoms

### Child is ill, but has NOT seen a health care provider:

#### Symptoms listed above. <sup>c</sup>

Stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset **and** for 24 hours with no fever **and** improvement of symptoms – **whichever is longer**.

#### Other symptoms not consistent with COVID-19 <sup>d</sup>

Follow the [Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance](#).

*<sup>x</sup> (Green Box) = Close Contact. Household contacts of confirmed cases need to stay home for case's 10-day isolation period **plus** the 14-day quarantine period. Students and staff who tested positive for COVID-19 in the past three months do not need to quarantine if identified as a close contact within 3 months of a positive test.*

### Child was identified by public health as a close contact to someone with COVID-19: care provider:

#### Regardless if symptoms present or not <sup>x</sup>

Stay home at least 14 calendar days from the last time exposed to a COVID-19 case. Contacts should be tested 7 -10 days after last exposure. 14-day quarantine must continue regardless of test results.