

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)/feeling feverish, sore throat, new/worsening uncontrolled cough, difficulty breathing, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, loss of taste and/or smell **OR** two or more of the following symptoms with new or worsening onset: fatigue, severe headache, muscle/body aches, chills, congestion/runny nose. This is in addition to general infectious disease exclusion guidance. People who are ill should contact their health care provider for additional guidance.



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Follow provider directions/ recommended treatment & return guidance. Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance.

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



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



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.

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

^c (Red Box) = COVID-19

^d (Yellow box) = Other symptoms

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