

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.

Tested Positive for COVID-19 ^{*c}

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.**

Diagnosed (not tested) with COVID-19 ^{*c}

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.**

Child has a diagnosis from a health care provider of an illness besides COVID-19 (e.g., norovirus, strep throat) ^{*d}

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:

Other symptoms consistent with COVID-19 ^{*d}

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 ^{*d}

Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance.

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

Regardless if symptoms present or not ^{*x}

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

Adapted from the Minnesota Department of Health 08/21/2020

^x (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 three months of a positive test.