

Requirements for Screening, Exclusion, and Re-Admittance of Ill Students and Staff in Schools

REQUIRED under the State's DHM

Students and staff with fever of 100.4 F. or above, a new cough, new onset of shortness of breath or new loss of taste or smell.



Students and staff immediately isolate in the designated area and sent home as soon as possible.

Require the symptomatic person to wear a cloth or surgical mask while waiting, if tolerable.

Criteria for Re-Admittance to School

Symptomatic staff /student who **tests positive:**

Exclude for:
- At least 10* days have passed since symptoms first appeared
AND
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
AND
- Symptoms have improved

Asymptomatic staff /student who **tests positive:**

Exclude for:
-10 days from date of test
AND
-only allow to return if no symptoms develop. (If symptoms develop, refer to symptomatic positive instructions.)

Symptomatic staff /student **not tested:**

Exclude for: -10* days from symptom onset
AND
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
AND
- Symptoms have improved

May return to school if a doctor establishes an alternative diagnosis, provides a return to school note, and the student meets the school's requirements for readmission.

*This length of time may need to be extended for people who have severe illness or are immunocompromised. Please consult your LhD or a health care provider for further guidance on those situations.

Symptomatic staff /student who **tests negative:**

Exclude until:
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications (or meets the schools requirements for readmission)
AND
- Symptoms have improved
AND
-Student has completed quarantine if required due to an exposure to a positive COVID-19 case

Note: A COVID-19 positive individual does not need a repeat COVID-19 test or a doctor's note in order to return.

Household members that are determined to be **close contacts** should go home with a student/staff member with one of the above symptoms

Close Contact: an individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset