

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

People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. **The following criteria have been developed to help schools identify presumptive positive COVID-19 cases and to take steps to limit the spread of the disease.**

## REQUIRED under the State's DHM

**Students and staff with fever of 100.4 F. or above and/or one or more of the following symptoms: a new cough, new onset of shortness of breath or new loss of taste or smell.**

## ADVISED based upon current evidence

**Students and staff with two (2) or more of the following:** fever (measured or subjective), chills, cold/shivering, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose.

**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

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, call your local health department.

### 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, presents a doctor's note to confirm the presence of an alternative diagnosis that explains the symptoms, and meets the schools requirements for readmission.*

**EXPLANATION:** \*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.