

COVID-19 EXCLUSION SUMMARY GUIDANCE FOR K-12 SCHOOLS

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PRESENTATION

ACTION

CONDITIONS FOR RETURN

Student or staff has illness with at least one primary COVID-19 symptom in the last 10 days, and has not had contact with a COVID-19 case in past 14 days.

Exclude from school. Advise viral testing and referral to health care provider for evaluation.

If person **tests negative** for COVID-19, they may return to school after symptoms improve *and* fever free for 24 hours.

If person is **not tested or tests positive** for COVID-19, they must stay home for at least 10 days since symptoms started, *and* 24 hours fever free, *and* symptoms improved.

Student or staff has illness with at least one primary COVID-19 symptom in the last 10 days, and had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case in past 14 days.

This ill person may have COVID-19. Isolate at home for at least 10 days since symptoms started, *and* 24 hours fever free, *and* symptoms improved. Local public health will investigate.

Student or staff has illness with symptoms that are not primary COVID-19 symptoms such as diarrhea, vomiting, headache, or rash.

Exclude per usual school exclusion guidelines. Advise referral to health care provider if symptoms persist longer than one day.

If health care provider advises person they can return to school, person may return per documented advice of the provider.

If not seen by a health care provider, may return per usual school exclusion guidelines.

Student or staff is not ill, but has had contact with a COVID-19 case.

If the ill household member has at least one primary COVID-19 symptom and no alternative diagnosis has been identified by a healthcare provider as the cause of the person's illness...

Student or staff must quarantine for up to 14 days after date of last contact with a COVID-19 case. Refer to RSSL "Planning for COVID-19 Scenarios in Schools" for additional guidance.

Student or staff has an ill household member with symptoms of COVID-19 but without a confirmed or presumptive case.

If the ill household member has no primary COVID-19 symptoms, or has one or more primary COVID-19 symptoms and a clear alternative non-respiratory diagnosis by a healthcare provider, student or staff may continue school attendance.

Student or staff has a positive COVID-19 diagnostic test.

This person has COVID-19. Isolate at home for at least 10 days since test date, and 24 hours fever free, and any symptoms improved. Local public health will investigate.



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IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Primary COVID-19 symptoms include the following:

- Fever of 100.4°F or higher
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or loss of smell

Fever free means a temperature less than 100.4°F without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.

Isolation separates a sick person with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

Confirmed case means a person who has a positive result on a COVID-19 diagnostic test.

Presumptive case means a person who has not had a positive result on a COVID-19 diagnostic test but has symptoms after contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.