

SYMPTOM-BASED EXCLUSION CHART



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Symptom of illness:

HEADACHE WITH STIFF NECK AND FEVER: this combination of symptoms may indicate a serious condition. Advise student's guardian to seek medical attention.

DIARRHEA

VOMITING

SKIN RASH OR OPEN SORES: rash increasing in size OR new unexplained sores or wounds OR draining rash, sores, or wounds cannot be completely covered with a bandage and clothing**

RED EYES WITH EYE DISCHARGE: unexplained redness of eye(s) AND colored drainage from the eye(s)

JAUNDICE: yellowing of the eyes or skin that is new or uncharacteristic

FEVER*: temperature of 100.4°F or greater

NEW COUGH*

DIFFICULTY BREATHING OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH*: this symptom is likely to require immediate medical attention.

NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR LOSS OF SMELL*

Offer
mask,
isolate,
and send
home

MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER:

HEADACHE WITH STIFF NECK AND FEVER:

fever-free for 24 hours AND symptoms resolve.

DIARRHEA OR VOMITING: symptom-free for 48 hours OR cleared by healthcare provider.

SKIN RASH OR OPEN SORES: rash is gone OR until sores are dry or can be completely covered OR cleared by healthcare provider.

RED EYES WITH COLORED DRAINAGE: symptoms resolve OR cleared by healthcare provider

JAUNDICE: cleared by healthcare provider

FEVER*: fever-free for 24 hours

NEW COUGH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR LOSS OF SMELL*: symptoms improving for 24 hours

Offer
COVID-19
test and
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isolate,
and send
home

Offer
COVID-19
test and
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and send
home

Negative
Test

Positive Test
OR No Test

MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER:

fever-free for 24 hours AND symptoms improving for 24 hours.

MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER:

Isolating at home for a minimum of 5 days AND Following applicable symptom-based guidance.

- Recommend masking for 5 additional days

Ill with two or more primary

COVID-19 symptoms (Fever, new cough illness, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath and new loss of taste or smell*)

Tests positive for COVID-19 with or without symptoms

Important Definitions

EXCLUSION means keeping a student with certain contagious diseases or symptoms out of school to prevent possible disease spread.

FEVER FREE means a temperature less than 100.4°F without taking fever reducing medicine (e.g., any medicine that contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen).

ISOLATION means staying at home and away from other people as much as possible to reduce the spread of disease. For COVID-19 individuals are recommended to mask for 5 additional days after the end of their 5-day isolation period. An individual should continue isolation if symptoms are not improving by day 5.

See [Communicable Disease Guidance for Schools](#) for recommendations on disease-specific guidelines.

* Notes primary COVID-19 symptom

** Some children have chronic non-infectious skin conditions, e.g., eczema; they need not be excluded for apparent exacerbations of these conditions.