

COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs

Follow the appropriate path if a child, student, or staff person is experiencing the following symptoms consistent with COVID-19:

- **More common:** fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; new cough or a cough that gets worse; difficulty/hard time breathing; new loss of taste or smell.
- **Less common:** sore throat; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea; chills; muscle pain; extreme fatigue/feeling very tired; new severe/very bad headache; new nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose.

For people with ONE "less common" symptom

Evaluate symptom and determine if person is well enough to stay in school or program. **Well enough to attend or stay in school or program.**

Siblings and all others who live in the house DO NOT need to go home or stay home. **Send the ill person home. Consider an evaluation from a doctor/health care provider and/or getting a COVID-19 test.**

Person with symptom returns to school or program 24 hours after symptom improves. **Siblings and all others who live in the house return to school or program.**

For people with ONE "more common" symptom OR at least TWO "less common" symptoms

Person must stay home or is sent home. **Evaluation from a doctor/health care provider and/or gets a COVID-19 test for symptom(s)**

Siblings and all others who live in the house must stay home or are sent home. **Does not seek evaluation from doctor/health care provider or get a COVID-19 test.**

Receives positive COVID-19 test result. **Siblings and others who live in the house must stay home and stay away from all activities for at least 14 days (quarantine) after last contact with the person with COVID-19.**

Receives negative COVID-19 test result OR alternative diagnosis.

Must stay at home and away from others who live in the house (isolation) for at least 10 days from the time symptoms started and until symptoms have improved and they have no fever for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medications. If they have no symptoms but test positive, they must stay home for 10 days, counting from the day they were tested.

For people who are a close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

A close contact is ANY person who lives in the same household as a person who tested positive for COVID-19 OR someone who has been within about 6 feet of a person who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more throughout the course of a day (24 hours).

Stay home from ALL ACTIVITIES for at least 14 days (quarantine) since last contact with the person who tested positive.

Get tested at least 5 days after the last contact with the person who tested positive.

Even if their test result is negative, they must stay home for the full 14 days before returning to school, program, or any other activities.

Siblings and all others who live with the person who is the close contact DO NOT need to stay home.

If the person who is a close contact develops symptoms and/or has a positive test result.

Must stay at home away from others (isolation) as much as possible for at least 10 days starting from the day they were tested (if no symptoms) or starting from the time their symptoms started and until their symptoms have improved and they have not had a fever for 24 hours (without using fever-reducing medications).

Siblings and all others who live in the house NOW must stay home (quarantine) and stay away from all activities for at least 14 days, counting from their last contact with their household member who has symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19.