

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

**REQUIRED** under the State's current DHM

Students and staff with any one (1) of the following symptoms: new cough, new onset of shortness of breath, or new loss of taste or smell.

Students and staff with two (2) or more of the following: fever 100.4 F. or above, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue.

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 over nose and mouth while waiting, if tolerable.

## Criteria for Re-Admittance to School

### Symptomatic staff /student who tests positive:

- Exclude until:
- At least 10\* days have passed since first symptoms
- 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 until:
- At least 10 days have passed since the positive test
- AND**
- only allow to return if no symptoms develop. (If symptoms develop, refer to symptomatic positive instructions.)

### Symptomatic staff /student not tested:

- Exclude until:
- At least 10\* days have passed since first symptoms
- 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 school's 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.