

# COVID-19 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE

## Decision Tree for Parents

**Parents/caregivers should monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day.**

Do not send your child to school if **ANY** of the following symptoms are present:

Fever (100.4°F or higher) **OR** loss of taste and/or smell **OR** two or more of the following symptoms: fatigue, headache, muscle/body aches, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain. This is in addition to general infectious disease exclusion guidance. People who are ill should contact their health care provider for additional guidance.

### Child is ill, but has seen a health care provider:

**Tested Positive for COVID-19 <sup>\*c</sup>**

Stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms (or collection date of test if no symptoms) **and** for 24 hours with no fever (without the use of medication) **and** improvement of symptoms – **whichever is longer.**

**Diagnosed (not tested) with COVID-19 <sup>\*c</sup>**

Stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms (or collection date of test if no symptoms) **and** for 24 hours with no fever (without the use of medication) **and** improvement of symptoms – **whichever is longer.**

Child has a diagnosis from a health care provider of an illness besides COVID-19 (e.g., norovirus, strep throat) <sup>d</sup>

Follow provider directions/ recommended treatment & return guidance  
Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance.

**Symptoms listed above. <sup>c</sup>**

Stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset **and** for 24 hours with no fever **and** improvement of symptoms – **whichever is longer.**

**Other symptoms not consistent with COVID-19 <sup>d</sup>**

Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance.

**Child was identified by public health as a close contact to someone with COVID-19:**

**Regardless if symptoms present or not <sup>x</sup>**

Stay home at least 14 calendar days from the last time exposed to a COVID-19 case.  
Contacts should be tested 7 -10 days after last exposure.  
14-day quarantine must continue regardless of test results.

<sup>x</sup> (Green Box) = Close Contact. Household contacts of confirmed cases need to stay home for case's 10-day isolation period **plus** the 14-day quarantine period. Students and staff who tested positive for COVID-19 in the past three months do not need to quarantine if identified as a close contact within 3 months of a positive test.

<sup>\*</sup> Siblings & household members also stay home for 14 days from last time exposed to a COVID-19 case while contagious.

<sup>c</sup> (Red Box) = COVID-19

<sup>d</sup> (Yellow box) = Other symptoms