

# COVID-19 EXCLUSION GUIDANCE

## Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals in Schools

Send home or deny entry if **ANY** of the following symptoms are present:

Fever (100.4°F or higher) **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 **OR** loss of taste and/or smell. This is in addition to [general infectious disease exclusion guidance](#). People who are ill should contact their health care provider for additional guidance.

**Has the person been clinically evaluated?**

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

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

**Has the person been clinically evaluated?**

**Clinically diagnosed (not tested) for COVID-19 \*<sup>c</sup>**

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

**Has the person been clinically evaluated?**

**Alternate clinical diagnosis or laboratory confirmed condition (e.g., norovirus, hand/foot/mouth) <sup>d</sup>**

Follow provider directions/ recommended treatment & return guidance

Follow the [Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance](#).

**For a person NOT clinically evaluated who is monitoring symptoms at home**

**Fever (100.4°F or higher) 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 OR loss of taste/smell. <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**.

**For a person NOT clinically evaluated who is monitoring symptoms at home**

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

Follow the [Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance](#).

*\* Siblings & household members also stay home for 14 days from last exposure to a COVID-19 case while contagious*

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

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