

Guidelines and safety protocols for students/staff presenting symptoms similar to COVID-19 and returning to school

If a student/staff member exhibit the following:

ONE OF THE HIGH RISK SYMPTOMS:

High-Risk Symptoms: Any new cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste/smell

TWO OR MORE OF THE LOW-RISK SYMPTOMS: (symptoms grouped together considered single symptom)

Low-Risk Symptoms: Fever (≥ 100.4), congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, sore throat, headache, myalgia

**One low-risk symptom
AND
No known exposure**

**2 or more low-risk symptoms
OR
1 high-risk symptom
No known exposure**

**KNOWN EXPOSURE TO
COVID-19 WITH OR
WITHOUT SYMPTOMS**

**Return to school 24 hours
after symptom resolution**

*** Evaluation by Healthcare
Provider**

Student/staff member should **NOT** return to school for 14 days from last exposure to positive case. If exposure continues during quarantine, the student/staff should **NOT** return until 14 days **AFTER** the positive case is no longer infectious, i.e. 10-day isolation period.

Example: Student's mother is positive for COVID, but cannot isolate from student, exposure continues. Student's 14-day quarantine begins after mother is out of isolation.

***** If student/staff member does not seek medical care or does not get tested for COVID, they should not return to school until they have worked with school nurse, and is approved to return if:

- 10 days have passed since first symptom **AND**
- Student/staff is fever-free 24 hours, with symptoms improving

OR

- Student/staff has a doctor confirmed explanation of symptoms.

**NEGATIVE
COVID
TEST**

**Student/staff
member should
not return to
school while
awaiting
COVID-19 test
results.**

**Evaluation
confirms
alternative
diagnosis for
symptoms.**

**Return to
school 24
hours after
symptom
resolution.**

**POSITIVE
COVID
TEST**

YES

**Return to school after 10 day
isolation **AND** released by
JCCHS Public Health Nurse **AND**
24 hours fever-free with
symptoms improving.**



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