Student Symptom Decision Tree
Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure

Low-risk: general symptoms
- Fever (≥100.4°F)
- Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fatigue/muscle or body aches

High-risk: red flag symptoms
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste/smell

Exposure to COVID-19 positive person? (Close contact: less than 6 feet, 15 minutes or longer)

NO
1. Low risk symptom
   - Send home
   - Health care provider confirms alternative diagnosis for symptoms. A health care provider’s note must be on file. SARS-CoV-2 PCR test not needed.

≥2 low risk symptoms OR 1 high risk symptom
   - Send home
   - Return to school after 24 hrs without fever and symptoms improving
   - Evaluation by health care provider

YES
- Stay home*

*In consultation with local health care provider

Return to school only after 10 days since symptom onset and 24 hrs without fever. Quarantine close contacts of confirmed cases. If any questions, contact local health care provider.

Return to school after 14 days from last contact, unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, perform SARS-CoV-2 PCR test.

This care pathway was designed to assist school personnel and is not intended to replace the clinician’s judgment or establish a protocol for all patients with a particular condition. Diagnosis and treatment should be under the close supervision of a qualified health care provider.