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

Low risk symptoms
- Fever (≥100.4°F)
- Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea

High risk symptoms
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Body aches
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste/smell

Exposure to COVID-19 positive person?

NO
1 low risk symptom
Send home
Return to school 24 hr after symptom resolution (without fever reducing medication)

≥2 low risk symptoms
OR 1 high risk symptom
Send home
Evaluation by Healthcare Provider

Healthcare provider confirms alternative diagnosis for symptoms. A healthcare provider’s note must be on file. SARS-CoV-2 PCR test not needed.

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Negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test
Return to school after 24 hours without fever and symptoms improving

Positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR test
Return to school after 24 hours without fever and symptoms improving

YES
Stay home*
* In consultation with local health provider

Return to school only after 10 days since symptom onset, 24 hours without fever, quarantine contacts. If any questions, contact local health 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 provider.
Guidance might change - 08 28 2020