



Screening Flow Chart

For step-by-step instructions for school personnel, review the [Reference Guide for Suspected, Presumptive, or Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 \(K-12\)](#)

Screen for COVID-19

NO FLAGS

Proceed to school



**EXPOSURE,*
NO SYMPTOMS**

Cannot go to school today

- Home for 14 days since exposure



**DIAGNOSIS,
NO SYMPTOMS**

Cannot go to school today

- Home for 10 days since first positive COVID-19 test



**AT LEAST
1 SYMPTOM****

- Fever
- Chills
- Shortness of breath/
difficulty breathing
- New cough
- New loss of taste
or smell

Cannot go to school today

- If confirmed positive COVID-19 OR person has not been tested: Home for 10 days since first symptoms, no fever for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medicine), AND symptom improvement, including coughing and shortness of breath
- If negative COVID-19 test: Home until no fever for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medicine), AND they have felt well for 24 hours
- If confirmed diagnosis other than COVID-19 (e.g., stomach virus, ear infection): Follow typical school illness policies to determine when person can return.



* Exposure refers to being within 6 feet of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more.

** The more narrow set of COVID-19 symptoms listed here reflects required exclusionary symptoms in order to avoid over-exclusion of people from school facilities.