

Child In-Person Participation Algorithm

Ohio Public Health Advisory Level 2-4 Counties[†]

Keep Child with SYMPTOMS of COVID-19 at Home:

One of the following¹:

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- New or worsened cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- New or worsened nasal congestion or runny nose

OR

Two or more of the following¹:

- Headache
- Body aches
- New or worsened fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

¹ Excludes symptoms attributable to an alternative diagnosis.

Clinical judgment should always guide testing practices.

Obtain COVID-19 viral test.

Keep Child at Home Until Following Criteria Met:

Positive or Clinical Diagnosis	10 days after symptom onset and 24+ hours without fever and improved symptoms
Pending	Until results known
Negative	24+ hours without fever and improved symptoms
Not Tested	10 days after symptom onset and 24+ hours without fever and improved symptoms
Alternative Diagnosis	24+ hours without fever and improved symptoms

Keep Child with EXPOSURE to COVID-19 at Home:

Close contacts in a classroom or on a school bus in which students and staff were wearing face coverings at all times and social distancing, may attend in-person school, but must monitor for symptoms for 14 days and stay at home when not in school.

Close contacts with exposure in the community or during sports or extracurricular activities must still be kept at home.

Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of a person either laboratory confirmed or clinically diagnosed with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes.

Child has symptoms.

Child does NOT have symptoms.

Keep Child at Home Until Following Criteria Met:

Obtain COVID-19 viral test. If positive, isolate as detailed above. If negative, quarantine as designated by public health.

Quarantine and monitor for symptoms².

² The local health department will assist schools and child care centers in determining which asymptomatic children may require testing when an entire cohort, classroom or team has been exposed.

[†] Counties under Level 1 Health Advisory should follow guidance by the local public health department.

Please follow Ohio Administrative Code 3701-3-13 <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3701-3-13> for exclusion for diarrhea and other infectious diseases.