

FCPH COVID-19 STUDENT | STAFF SCREENING TOOL



This screening tool can be used in the event a student/staff becomes ill or as a pre-screening tool for schools to determine if a student or staff member should be sent home, and when they may return to



A YES answer to any of the following questions means that the student/staff should not be at school.

1

Has this student/staff had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) **with or without a mask in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any health department or health care provider advised the student to quarantine?**

YES THE STUDENT/STAFF SHOULD NOT BE AT SCHOOL.

The student/staff can return 14 days after the last time he or she had close contact with someone with COVID-19. This requirement to stay home for 14 days does not change or shorten even if the student/staff receives a negative test.

IF YES, DATE OF LAST EXPOSURE TO CLOSE CONTACT: / /

NO THE STUDENT/STAFF CAN BE AT SCHOOL IF THEY ARE NOT EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS

2

Does this student/staff have any of the following symptoms?

Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and may include fever (100.4°F or higher), chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting or diarrhea.

ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

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

TWO OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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

YES THE STUDENT/STAFF SHOULD NOT BE AT SCHOOL.

They should be sent home and medically assessed. Close contacts may remain at school until a clinical diagnosis or positive lab result is received for the ill individual.

IF YES, DATE FIRST SYMPTOM BEGAN: / /

NO THE STUDENT/STAFF CAN BE AT SCHOOL IF THEY ARE NOT EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS

Note: If an individual has a new symptom (for example, new loss of smell only) with no other diagnosis to explain it, they should stay home and talk to their health care provider about testing for COVID-19, even if it is the only symptom they are experiencing.

3

Has this student/staff been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days?

YES THE STUDENT/STAFF SHOULD NOT BE AT SCHOOL.

If a student/staff is diagnosed by their health care provider with COVID-19 based on a test and/or their symptoms, they should not be at school and should stay at home until they meet the criteria on the next page. If a student/staff has been tested but has not received their result, they should remain home until the result is known and further guidance is received.

IF YES, DATE: / /

NO THE STUDENT/STAFF CAN BE AT SCHOOL IF THEY ARE NOT EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS



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After a student/staff has been sent home, they can return to school when a parent/guardian can ensure that they can answer YES to ALL three questions:

YES / NO Has it been at least 10 days since the student first had symptoms?

YES / NO Has it been at least 24 hours since the student had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine)?

YES / NO Has there been symptom improvement, including cough and shortness of breath?

Please note that typically FCPH provides isolation release letters to cases and quarantine letters to verified close contacts residing within our jurisdiction (not including city of Columbus and Worthington).

If the student/staff tested positive for COVID-19 and has symptoms, they must remain home in isolation for at least 10 days from the date that symptoms began, must be free of a fever for 24 hours without taking medication, and must show improvement of other symptoms. **Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days from last exposure to the case.**

If the student/staff tested positive for COVID-19 and does not have symptoms, they must isolate at home for 10 days after the test was taken. If they later develop symptoms, then the 10-day isolation clock begins on the first day of symptoms. **Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days from last exposure to the case.**

If the student/staff has not been tested for COVID-19, but a medical professional believes the symptoms are due to COVID-19 OR individual with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 without a medical evaluation, they must stay home for at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 24 hours without medication AND improvement of other symptoms. **Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.**

If the student/staff tested negative for COVID-19 but has symptoms with no other diagnosis, the child must be free of fever for 24 hours without taking medication and must see improvement of other symptoms. The child also should be evaluated by a medical professional stating that the symptoms are due to an alternative diagnosis, such as allergies or a sinus infection, and that it is appropriate for the child to return to school. **Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.**

If the student/staff has not been tested for COVID-19, but a medical professional believes the symptoms are due to an alternative diagnosis, such as allergies, strep throat or sinus infection, the child may return to school after being free of a fever for 24 hours without medication provided he or she has a note from the provider regarding the alternative diagnosis. Siblings and household members do not need to stay home.

If the child has not been tested for COVID-19 and does not have an alternative diagnosis to explain the symptoms, the child first must remain home in isolation for at least 10 days from the first day of symptoms, must be free of a fever for 24 hours without taking medication, and must show improvement of other symptoms. **Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.**

CLOSE CONTACT

If an individual has been determined to have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, they should remain out of school for 14 days since the last known contact, unless they test positive, in which case the criteria above would apply. They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if they test negative.

A quarantined close contact can return to school if the index case receives confirmation of an alternative diagnosis from their health care provider.

