

COVID-19 EXCLUSION GUIDANCE

Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals in Pre-K, K-12 Schools and Child Care Programs



Send home or deny entry if **ANY** of the following symptoms are present: Fever (100.4°F or higher), headache, shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain.

In addition, some individuals (especially adults) may present with the following symptoms: congestion or runny nose, new loss of sense of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue, muscle or body aches. Encourage medical evaluation and diagnostic testing.

| Status | Symptoms present AND traveled to or lives in state or area with high ¹ or moderate ¹ community transmission ² | Symptoms present AND close contact to a confirmed case OR household contact to a person that is a close contact to a confirmed case | Symptoms present, no diagnostic testing, and without known risk factors ^{2,3} | COVID-19 Diagnostic Test Positive | COVID-19 Diagnostic Test Negative ³ | COVID-19 Diagnosis without diagnostic testing [#] | Alternative Diagnosis without negative COVID-19 diagnostic testing and without known risk factors ^{2,3} |
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| Evaluated by Healthcare Provider | NO | NO | NO | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Exclude from School? | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Return to School Guidance | <u>Stay home</u> at least 10* calendar days from onset of symptoms and for 24 hours with no fever and improvement of respiratory symptoms, whichever is longer. | <u>Stay home</u> at least 10* calendar days from onset of symptoms and for 24 hours with no fever and improvement of respiratory symptoms, whichever is longer. | <u>Stay home</u> until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria.. Follow provider directions, recommended treatment & return to school guidance as per school policies and IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools. | <u>Stay home</u> at least 10* calendar days from onset of symptoms and for 24 hours with no fever and improvement of respiratory symptoms, whichever is longer. | <u>Stay home</u> until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition. Follow provider directions, recommended treatment & return to school guidance as per school policies and IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools. | <u>Stay home</u> at least 10* calendar days from onset of symptoms and for 24 hours with no fever and improvement of respiratory symptoms, whichever is longer. Isolate from others and continue to monitor health. | <u>Stay home</u> until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition. Follow provider directions, recommended treatment & return to school guidance as per school policies and IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools. |

1 High (IDPH Orange warning for last 4 weeks) or moderate (orange warning for 2 of the last 4 weeks).

2 IDPH recommends COVID-19 diagnostic testing for all persons with COVID-like symptoms.

* Severely immunocompromised or severely ill: may need to isolate for 20 days as per guidance from individual's infectious disease physician.

3 If individual has been identified by public health for quarantine or knows they are a close contact to a case, the 14-calendar-day quarantine must be completed.

IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools
<https://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/publications/commchartschool-032817.pdf>