

**School Nurse Algorithm:** Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure:

Any new **cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste/smell**, fever ( $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ), congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, sore throat, headache, myalgia, or exposure\* to COVID-19 positive person?

-1 low-risk symptom  
-No exposure

$\geq 2$  low-risk symptoms OR  
-1 high risk symptom\*\*\*  
-No exposure

$\pm$  symptoms  
-positive exposure\*

Evaluation by Healthcare Provider

Return to school 24 hr after symptom resolution

Negative swab\*\*

Lab testing and evaluation; alternative diagnosis likely

Positive swab\*\*

Return to school after 14 days from last contact unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, obtain swab\*\*.

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Return to school after 24 hrs afebrile **and** symptoms improving **and** approval of local health department (typically 10-14 days); for St. Louis City, also release by primary care provider required; quarantine contacts

\*Exposure defined as close contact  $>15$  minutes with no mask.

\*\*Swab refers to SARS-CoV-2 PCR test

\*\*\*High risk symptoms (bolded) include cough, difficulty breathing and loss of taste or smell