

# What to do if a Person is Symptomatic at School



If a person has one or more of these symptoms:

- ☐ Fever ( $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) or chills
- ☐ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ☐ Muscle or body aches
- ☐ New loss of taste or smell
- ☐ Cough (new, changed, or worsening)



**They should isolate at home AND get tested for COVID-19**

If they do not receive an alternative named diagnosis from a health care provider **OR** do not get tested



They test **POSITIVE** for COVID-19



They test **NEGATIVE** for COVID-19 **OR** receive an alternative named diagnosis from a health care provider plus a negative test

**AND**

**Identify close contacts**

See **Tree 2** and follow [COVID-19 Contact Tracing Guide for K-12 Schools](#)



**Isolate at home**

They can return to school after 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared if:

1. No fever within the past 24 hours (without medication)

**AND**

2. Symptoms have significantly improved

- ☐ Congestion or runny nose
- ☐ Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- ☐ Headache
- ☐ Fatigue
- ☐ Sore throat



**They should isolate at home**

Was **only ONE** symptom present?

**NO**

**YES**

Did the symptom resolve within 24 hours **OR** are they consistent with a diagnosed chronic illness?

**NO**

**YES**

Are they a known **close contact**?

**NO**

**YES**

**Return to school**



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