Guidance for COVID-19 Scenarios in Schools

Key symptoms of COVID-19?

fever (temp 100.4 F and above), chills, uncontrolled new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell

Assess other nonspecific signs and symptoms:

muscle or body aches, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, fatigue, congestion, runny nose



Close contact: anyone within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more (cumulative over a 24 hour period), indoors or outdoors regardless of masks. For students (not teachers or others) in a classroom setting only, if both parties wore masks for entire duration of their contact, a close contact is a student within 3 feet for 15 minutes or more (cumulative over a 24 hour period).

* Isolate for at least 10 days since the onset of symptoms **and** until at least 24 hours have passed with no fever (without fever-reducing meds) **and** improvement in other symptoms

** If school district policy permits exit from quarantine after a) 10 days: continue to monitor symptoms days 11-14 and if symptoms develop, isolate immediately and contact HCP OR b) 7 days (with a documented negative test result taken no earlier than day 5): continue to monitor symptoms days 8-14 and if symptoms develop, isolate immediately and contact HCP

*** A negative antigen test in a person with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or a close contact without symptoms should be followed up with a PCR test. ****A person who is not fully vaccinated but tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days prior to the current exposure should not be tested if they remain asymptomatic.