

# Screening Guidelines For COVID-19

## Parents and/or Guardians,

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has provided schools with guidance in assessing students with symptoms of COVID-19. Based on the Department of Education’s School Symptom Screening Tool, please take time each morning to screen your child(ren) for signs of COVID-19 before sending them to school. If your child does not feel well and/or has a fever of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, **DO NOT** send them to school. In addition, please use the Department of Education’s Checklist below or use the link provided.

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/PublicHealthGuidance/Pages/default.aspx#screening>

## SECTION 1: Symptoms

**Please keep your child home** if they have one or more symptoms in Group A **OR** have two or more symptoms in Group B **OR** are taking fever reducing medication such as Tylenol, Motrin, or Advil.

<b>Group A: 1 or more symptoms</b>	<b>Group B: 2 or more symptoms</b>
Cough	Fever (measured or subjective)
Shortness of breath	Chills
Difficulty breathing	Rigors (shaking, sweating, feeling cold)
New olfactory disorder (disruption in smell)	Myalgia (muscle pain/aches)
New taste disorder (disruption in taste)	Headache
	Sore throat
	Nausea or vomiting
	Diarrhea
	Fatigue
	Congestion or Runny Nose

## SECTION 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure

The CDC provides the following information containing close contact/potential exposure. If YES to any of the questions below, keep your child home and contact the child’s school nurse.

	Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19
	Traveled to or lived in an area where local, tribal, territorial, or state health department is reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases as described in the Community Mitigation Framework
	Live in areas of high community transmission (as described in the Community Mitigation Framework) while the school remains open

For more information visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html>

**PLEASE NOTE:** Make sure your child’s information at school is current including emergency contacts and individuals authorized to pick up your child(ren) from school. Any ill students will be isolated in the health office and need to be picked up immediately.