COVID-19 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE
Decision Tree for Parents

Parents/caregivers should monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day.
Do not send your child to school if ANY of the following symptoms are present:
Fever (100.4°F or higher)/feeling feverish, sore throat, new/worsening uncontrolled cough, difficulty breathing, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, loss of taste and/or smell OR two or more of the following symptoms with new or worsening onset: fatigue, severe headache, muscle/body aches, chills, congestion/runny nose. This is in addition to general infectious disease exclusion guidance. People who are ill should contact their health care provider for additional guidance.

Child is ill, but has seen a health care provider

Tested Positive for COVID-19 *
Stay home for at least 10 calendar days from the onset of symptoms.(or collection date if no symptoms) and for 24 hours with no fever (without the use of medication) and improvement of symptoms — whichever is longer.

Diagnosed (not tested) with COVID-19 *
Stay home for at least 10 calendar days from the onset of symptoms (or collection date if no symptoms) and for 24 hours with no fever (without the use of medication) and improvement of symptoms — whichever is longer.

Child has a diagnosis from a health care provider of an illness besides COVID-19 (e.g., norovirus, strep throat) d
Follow provider directions/recommended treatment & return guidance.

Symptoms listed above. c
Stay home for 24 hours with no fever (without the use of medication) and improvement of symptoms — whichever is longer.

Other symptoms not consistent with COVID-19 d
Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance.

Child is ill, but has not seen a health care provider

Child was identified by public health as a close contact to someone with COVID-19.

Regardless if symptoms present or not c
Stay home for at least 14 calendar days from the last time exposed to a COVID-19 case. Contacts should be tested 7 -10 days after last exposure. 14-day quarantine must continue regardless of test results.

* Siblings & household members also stay home for 14 days from last time exposed to a COVID-19 case while contagious
 c (Red Box) = COVID-19
 d (Yellow Box) = Other symptoms

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