

School COVID-19 Screening Decision Tree: Responding to a Symptomatic Individual

Experiencing COVID-like Symptoms



If at school, go home/stay in Isolation Room until guardian picks up student.
If at home, stay at home and notify school.



Consider COVID-19 TEST

Positive Test or No Test Performed



Negative Test



Medical Evaluation without testing; Alternative Diagnosis



Return to school after ≥ 24 hours fever/symptom free without medications AND Medical Providers note reflecting acceptable Alternative Diagnosis. (See acceptable alternative diagnosis)



Stay Home Until
* Symptoms and fever have resolved for 24 hours without medications.

Isolate 10 days



Stay Home Until
* Fever and Symptoms Resolved Without Medications for 24 hours AND
* 10 days since 1st symptom appeared AND
* Notify Close Contacts



Return to School if all criteria are met. Criteria: See DWCS Health Plan on website and Contact School Nurse one day prior to return.



COVID-19 symptoms include but are not limited to

- * Fever ≥ 100.4 F
- * Short of breath
- * Chest Pain
- * Cough
- * Body aches
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- Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
- * Loss of taste/smell
- * Flu/Cold like symptoms

In case of an emergency, dial 911

Children's Hospital New Orleans Hotline for School Wellness & Virtual Care
504.837.7760

Notification for close contact only needs to take place once a positive case is confirmed.

This chart follows the most up-to-date CDC, LDH and AAP recommendations 8/20/20

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Acceptable Alternative Diagnosis that would not need a Neg COVID Test. Fever related to Urinary Tract Infection, Strep Throat with positive test, Rash from poison ivy, ect. Diagnosis of Respiratory and Viral conditions such as allergy rhinitis, seasonal allergies, upper respiratory tract infection, pneumonia, pharyngitis without a positive strep, viral illness, ect., **DO NOT** exclude the diagnosis of COVID-19 without a Neg COVID TEST and **DO NOT** justify return to school.