**COVID-19 EXCLUSION GUIDANCE**

**Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals in Pre-K, K-12 Schools and Day Care Programs**

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**Send home or deny entry (and provide remote instruction) if ANY of the following symptoms are present:** Fever (100.4°F or higher), headache, shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain.

In addition, some individuals (especially adults) may present with the following symptoms: congestion or runny nose, new loss of sense of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue, muscle or body aches.

Medical Evaluation and Testing are **Strongly Recommended** for ALL Persons with COVID-Like Symptoms.

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<th>Status</th>
<th>COVID-19 diagnostic test Positive (confirmed case) OR COVID-19 diagnosis without diagnostic testing (probable case)</th>
<th>Symptomatic individual with a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test</th>
<th>Symptomatic individual with an alternative diagnosis without negative COVID-19 diagnostic test</th>
<th>Symptomatic individual without diagnostic testing or clinical evaluation</th>
<th>Asymptomatic individual who is a close contact to a confirmed OR probable COVID-19 case</th>
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<td>Evaluated by Healthcare Provider?</td>
<td>YES</td>
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**Return to School Guidance**

- **Stay home** at least ten calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms.
- **Stay home** until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition. Follow provider directions, recommended treatment & return to school guidance as per school policies and [IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools](https://www.idph.state.il.us/).**
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- **Stay home** for 14 calendar days after last exposure to the COVID-19 case. If COVID-19 illness develops, use the ten-day isolation period guidance for a COVID-19 case from the onset date. Testing is recommended.

**Quarantine for Close Contacts?**

- **YES**
- **NO**
- Household Member (e.g., Siblings, Parent)*
- NA

**Documentation Required to Return to School**

- ‘Release from Isolation’ letter issued by Local Health Department and provided to parent/guardian or individual
- Negative COVID-19 test result OR healthcare Provider’s note indicating the negative test result
- Healthcare Provider’s note with alternative diagnosis
- Note from parent/guardian documenting that the ill student and/or household contacts are afebrile without fever-reducing medication and symptoms have improved.
- ‘Release from Quarantine’ letter issued by Local Health Department and provided to parent/guardian or individual

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1 Based on available data and science, schools must make local decisions informed by local context in consultation with their local public health department.
2 Severely immunocompromised or severely ill: may need to isolate for 20 days as per guidance from individual’s infectious disease physician.
3 If individual has been identified by public health for quarantine or knows they are a close contact to a case, the 14-calendar-day quarantine must be completed.
4 Consider quarantine for other close contacts if there was poor adherence to social distancing or use of face coverings.

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