

Flowchart for Handling Student Symptoms

STUDENTS

Student has **ANY** of the following symptom (new/different/worse from baseline of any chronic illness):

- Temperature 100.4 or signs of fever (chills/sweating)
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache

EXCLUDE FROM SCHOOL

Student has **ANY** close contact or potential exposure risk in the past 14 days:

- Had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19
- Had close contact with person under quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19
- Had international travel or been on a cruise
- Lives in an area with high levels of COVID-19 in the community (Risk Level 1-3 found at www.mistartmap.info)

NO

Student may return based on the guidance for their symptoms (see "[Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools](#)"):

- Fever: at least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications
- Sore throat: improvement (if strep throat: do not return until at least 2 doses of antibiotic have been taken);
- Cough/Shortness of breath: improvement
- Diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain: no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours
- Severe headache: improvement

NO

Had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 within last 14 days?

YES

Finish 14 Day Quarantine

COVID-19 Test Results NEGATIVE OR Alternate diagnosis provided by healthcare provider

YES

- Refer to Healthcare Provider
- Refer to COVID-19 testing location for possible testing
*(Schools **should not** require testing results as a part of return to school policies.)*

Diagnosed with COVID-19 OR no other diagnosis available

HOME ISOLATION UNTIL:

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **AND**
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **AND**
- Symptoms have improved

