Child In-Person Participation Algorithm

Guidance for daily home-based screening by parents, care givers and guardians

Keep Child with SYMPTOMS of Infection at Home ¹:

Any of the following 2:

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- · New or worsened cough
- · Shortness of breath
- · Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- · Diarrhea or vomiting
- · New onset severe headache

For children with chronic medical conditions (such as allergies, asthma or migraine), symptoms should represent a change from their usual health status.

¹ If you think your child has a medical emergency or life-threatening condition, always call 911.

² Children without any of the symptoms listed above who have non-specific symptoms such as congestion, runny nose, fatigue or body aches should be kept at home if their care giver suspects their child may have an infection.

Keep Child at Home Until Following Criteria Met:

Positive or Clinical Diagnosis (Not Tested) 5 days after symptom onset and 24+ hours without fever and improved symptoms. Wear mask for additional 5 days.*

Pending

Until results known

Negative

24+ hours without fever and improved symptoms

Alternative Diagnosis

24+ hours without fever and improved symptoms

*If unable to wear a mask and positive for or clinically diagnosed with COVID-19, then stay at home for 10 days.

Obtain

COVID-19

viral test.

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) does not currently recommend schools conduct symptom screening for all students in grades K-12 on a routine or daily basis.

Parents, care givers or guardians should be strongly encouraged to monitor their children for symptoms of infectious illness every day through home-based symptom screening.

Students who are sick should not attend school in person.

Symptom screening has the potential to exclude certain students repeatedly, such as those with chronic medical conditions (such as allergies or asthma), from school even though they do not have COVID-19 or any contagious illness. Excluding students from school for longer than what is typically called for in existing school policies—without considering the student's usual health and without assessing the likelihood the student was exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19—risks repeated, long-term and unnecessary student absence and possible unintended harm.

Please follow Ohio Administrative Code 3701-3-13 http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3701-3-13 for exclusion for diarrhea and other infectious diseases.





