

# How to handle symptoms and household exposures for students



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

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

Exclude student from school

**Screen for close contact or potential exposure risk within last 14 days.**

- Student had close contact with a person with confirmed
- Student had close contact with person under quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19
- Student traveled to or lives in any areas in Phase 1-3 (see <https://www.mistartmap.info/>)
- Student traveled internationally

Yes

Refer to healthcare provider or COVID-19 testing location for possible testing.

Student **diagnosed** with COVID-19 OR **no diagnosis** is available.

Student has **negative** test results.

Student had close contact with confirmed COVID-19 within last 14 days.

No

**Student may return based on this guidance for their symptoms**

- **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

Yes

No

Finish Quarantine

**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