MAAP: For Medical Providers: Assessing for COVID-19 in children with symptoms and NO KNOWN EXPOSURE to COVID-19¹ (Updated 8/7/20)

**Lower risk¹**
- New Headache
- Myalgias
- Runny nose/congestion
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Any of above symptoms present beyond typical symptoms (i.e. allergies)

**Higher Risk²**
- New, uncontrolled cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (not exercise induced asthma)
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fever (100.4 or higher), chills, rigors
- Sore throat

1. lower risk symptom
   Not exposed to COVID-19²

≥ 2 lower risk symptoms OR 1 higher risk symptom
   Not exposed to COVID-19²

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**Return to school/child care⁴ 24 hours after symptom improving**

**Swab done³**
- Negative test for COVID-19

**Seen by clinician and no swab done³ and alternative diagnosis likely**

**Swab done³**
- Positive test for COVID-19

**No swab³ AND no alternative diagnosis (i.e. Family declines, unable to obtain test. etc.)**

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Additional Information

1. Threshold for testing will depend on level of community transmission. Algorithms are not intended to replace clinical judgement.

2. Exposure defined as within 6 feet for 15 minutes to COVID positive individual. If exposure, patient will follow CDC guidelines. Even if tested, an exposed patient will need 14 day quarantine.

3. Swab refers to SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 PCR test

4. Return to school/child care requires provider note

5. Other Dx to consider: Pertussis, Strep Throat, Common Cold, Flu, Asthma, Allergies, GI illness, Ear infection, etc.


This guidance was adapted from Washington University in St Louis by the Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, school nurses, school physicians, and Pediatric Infectious Disease Experts. It is subject to change based on the evolving science. [https://www.maineaap.org/news/2020/school-re-entry-resources](https://www.maineaap.org/news/2020/school-re-entry-resources) (8/7/20)