

# Return to Learn: Guidance Following a Positive COVID-19 Symptom Screen



- Only use this tool for students and staff that DO NOT have a known COVID-19 exposure within 14 days.
- Any symptomatic individuals should isolate when symptoms begin and pursue evaluation, including testing as soon as possible. If symptoms develop at school and point of care testing is available, testing may be performed following an initial assessment using CDPHE's Addressing Symptoms at School tool.
- Anyone who tests positive using any viral diagnostic test type (not antibody tests) should be treated as a case and should isolate. No additional test results can end isolation early for a symptomatic positive person.
- Symptomatic individuals within 90 days of a previous positive viral diagnostic test (not antibody test) and those who are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after final dose) should isolate, be investigated for potential infection in consultation with public health and/or a healthcare provider, and may require testing prior to return to school.

Have symptoms resolved within 24 hours of symptom onset?

### Reminder

- Unchanged, usual symptoms of a known chronic condition should not prompt exclusion

### Major Symptoms

- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell

### Minor Symptoms

- Feeling feverish, having chills, temperature of 100.4° F or greater
- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

