

COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs

Follow the appropriate path if a child, student, or staff person is experiencing the following symptoms consistent with COVID-19:

- **More common:** fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; new cough or a cough that gets worse; difficulty/hard time breathing; new loss of taste or smell.
- **Less common:** sore throat; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea; chills; muscle pain; extreme fatigue/feeling very tired; new severe/very bad headache; new nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose.

For people with ONE "less common" symptom.

Evaluate symptom and determine if person is well enough to stay in school or program.

Well enough to attend or stay in school or program.

Person with symptom returns to school or program 24 hours after symptom improves.

Siblings and all others who live in the house return to school or program.

For people with ONE "more common" symptom OR at least TWO "less common" symptoms OR ANY symptom (more or less common) during quarantine.

Person must stay home or is sent home.

Send the ill person home. Consider an evaluation from a doctor/health care provider and/or getting a COVID-19 test.

Evaluation from a doctor/health care provider and/or gets a COVID-19 test for symptom(s).

Receives negative COVID-19 test result OR alternative diagnosis.

Siblings and all others who live in the house must stay home or are sent home.

Does not seek evaluation from doctor/health care provider or get a COVID-19 test.

Receives positive COVID-19 test result.

Siblings and all others who live in the house NOW must stay home (quarantine) and stay away from all activities during the time the person with symptoms or a positive test is infectious (10 days) plus the time it could take for household members to get sick (14 days).

Must stay at home and away from others who live in the house (isolate) for at least 10 days from the time symptoms started and until symptoms have improved and they have no fever for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medications. If they have no symptoms but test positive, they must stay home for 10 days, counting from the day they were tested.

For people who are a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

Stay home from ALL ACTIVITIES during your quarantine period (starts day after last contact with the person who tested positive).

If the person who is a close contact develops any of the more or less common symptoms and/or has a positive test result.

Must stay at home away from others (isolate) as much as possible for at least 10 days starting from the day they were tested (if no symptoms) or starting from the time their symptoms started and until their symptoms have improved and they have not had a fever for 24 hours (without using fever-reducing medications).

A 14-day quarantine is recommended for people who have been exposed to COVID-19. A shortened quarantine period may be possible as determined by the school, youth program, or child care using quarantine guidance:

How long to stay away from others (quarantine) www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/close.html#long

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If you have any symptoms during the next 14 days, stay home, separate yourself from others, and get tested.

Siblings and all others who live with the person who is the close contact DO NOT need to stay home.