SCHOOLS
Symptomatic But Not A Known Close Contact: Quarantine and Isolation Tree

This decision tree applies regardless of vaccination status.

I’m NOT a known close contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 but I have one or more of these symptoms…

- Fever (>100.4°F) or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Cough

Get tested and receive a negative COVID-19 test

Follow your school’s illness exclusion policy. If you are at high risk for COVID-19 and your negative test was done via a rapid antigen test, getting a follow up PCR test is recommended.

Get tested and receive a positive COVID-19 test

Isolate for 10 days beginning at symptom onset date. You must be fever-free for 24 hours and have symptom improvement to leave isolation at day 10. Refer back to close contact flow chart for schools.

Choose not to get tested for COVID-19

Isolate for 10 days beginning at symptom onset date. You must be fever-free for 24 hours and have symptom improvement to leave isolation at day 10.

I only had one of these symptoms

The symptom resolved within 24 hours

Follow your school’s illness exclusion policy.

The symptom did not resolve within 24 hours

Isolate and seek testing. Follow the tree branch on the left side of this page.

I had more than one of these symptoms

Isolate and seek testing. Follow the tree branch on the left side of this page.

For more information, see pages 10-13 of the DOH K-12 COVID-19 Requirements