



# COVID-19 School Exclusion Recommendations

Updated: January 12, 2021

Exclusion From and Return to School Recommendations		
<p><b>COVID-19 Symptoms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Two</b> of the following symptoms: fever (measured or subjective), chills, fatigue, myalgia, headache, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea <b>OR</b></li> <li>• <b>One</b> of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell</li> </ul>	<p>Individual should be tested for COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If test result is negative <b>OR</b> doctor's note with differential diagnosis, return to school after 24 hours fever free (without medication) and improved respiratory symptoms.</li> <li>• If test result is positive or individual is unable/refuses to get tested, may return to school after:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 24 hours with no fever (without medication) <b>and</b></li> <li>○ Improvement in symptoms <b>and</b></li> <li>○ 10 days since symptoms first appeared</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="color: red; text-align: right;"><b>NOTE: If your child has been tested for COVID-19, he/she <u>must not</u> attend school until the results have been given.</b></p>	
<p><b>Positive COVID-19 Test Result</b></p>	<p><u>WITH SYMPTOMS</u></p> <p>May return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 24 hours with no fever <b>and</b></li> <li>○ Improvement in symptoms <b>and</b></li> <li>○ 10 days since symptoms first appeared</li> </ul>	<p><u>WITHOUT SYMPTOMS</u></p> <p>May return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days after test was administered</li> </ul> <p>* If symptoms develop during the 10 days, follow return-to-school guidance for positive test <u>with</u> symptoms.</p>
<p><b>Close Contact to Positive Person (Exposure)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within 6ft for 15 minutes or more</li> <li>• Household contact</li> </ul>	<p><u>WITH SYMPTOMS</u></p> <p>Individual should be tested for COVID-19 (minimum 4 days after exposure)</p> <p><b>If positive</b>, may return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 24 hours with no fever <b>and</b></li> <li>○ Improvement in symptoms <b>and</b></li> <li>○ 10 days since symptoms first appeared</li> </ul>	<p><u>WITHOUT SYMPTOMS</u></p> <p>Quarantine can end 10 days after exposure without testing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Household exposure with someone COVID-19+ living in the same house will require 10-day isolation and 10-day quarantine period.</li> <li>• <b>It is recommended that symptom monitoring continue until day 14. If symptoms develop during the 14 days, the student should be tested. (If negative, the student can return to school. If positive, then follow return-to-school protocol with symptoms.)</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>** PA Travel Mandate</b></p> <p><i>This does NOT apply to travelers under age 11.</i></p>	<p><u>WITH SYMPTOMS</u></p> <p>If symptoms develop during the 14-day return to PA, follow return-to-school guidance for COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<p><u>WITHOUT SYMPTOMS</u></p> <p>A negative COVID-19 test must be completed within 72 hours prior to entering PA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If an individual is unable to get a test or chooses not to get a test, they must quarantine for 10 days upon arrival in PA.</li> <li>• If a traveler chooses to get tested upon entering PA, or is waiting for test results, the traveler must quarantine for 10 days, or until receipt of a negative test result, whichever comes first.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>It is recommended that symptom monitoring continue until day 14.</b></p>

Sources: 2020 - PAHAN - 517-07-18-UPD: Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions for Patients with COVID-19  
 2020 - PAHAN - 538 - 12-4 ALT: Updated Quarantine Recommendations for Persons Exposed to COVID-19

\*\* PADOH COVID-19 Information for Travelers