**COVID-19 EXCLUSION GUIDANCE**

**Decision Tree for Symptomatic People in Schools & Child Care Programs**

Send home, or deny entry, to children, care providers, or staff with **any** symptoms of illness.

For symptoms consistent with COVID-19, reference exclusion criteria below to determine when individuals may return.

**Symptoms consistent with COVID-19 include:** new onset or worsening cough **OR** shortness of breath **OR** at least **two** of the following symptoms: fever (100.4°F or higher); chills; muscle pain; headache; sore throat; new loss of taste or smell.

**Has the person been clinically evaluated?**

**Received laboratory test for COVID-19**

**If POSITIVE:** MDH will provide instructions to the person and household contacts about when it is safe to return to work/school.

**If NEGATIVE:** Stay home until fever has resolved, other symptoms have improved, AND either two negative tests are received in a row at least 24 hours apart OR 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.

**Has the person been clinically evaluated?**

**COVID-19 diagnosis without lab test**

Stay home until you have had no fever for at least 3 days AND improvement of other symptoms AND at least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.

Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.

**Has the person been clinically evaluated?**

**Alternate diagnosis or laboratory confirmed condition (e.g., norovirus, hand/foot/mouth)**

Follow provider directions, treatment, and return guidance.

Follow the [Infectious Diseases in Childcare Settings and Schools Manual](https://www.hennepin.us/daycaremanual)

**Has the person been clinically evaluated?**

**For a person not clinically evaluated who is monitoring symptoms at home**

**If experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (see list above)**

Stay home until you have had no fever for at least 3 days AND improvement of other symptoms AND at least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.

Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.

**For a person not clinically evaluated who is monitoring symptoms at home**

**Other symptoms not consistent with COVID-19 (diarrhea, vomiting, rash only)**

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# = Household members should isolate at home while awaiting laboratory test results.

[(Green box)](https://www.hennepin.us/daycaremanual) = COVID-19

[(Blue box)](https://www.hennepin.us/daycaremanual) = Other symptoms

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