

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^{# c}

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.

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)^d

Follow provider directions, treatment, and return guidance.

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

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

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

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

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