

COVID-19 EXCLUSION GUIDANCE

Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals in Schools & Childcare Programs

Send home or deny entry if **ANY** of the following symptoms are present:
fever (100.4°F or higher); new onset or worsening cough; or shortness of breath

Has the person been clinically evaluated?

Lab confirmed COVID-19^c

MDH will provide instructions to the individual & household contacts about when it is safe to return to work/school

Has the person been clinically evaluated?

Clinically diagnosed COVID-19^{*c}

Stay home at least 7 days or for 3 days with no fever & improvement of respiratory symptoms – **whichever is longer.**

Has the person been clinically evaluated?

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

Follow provider directions/ recommended treatment & return guidance

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

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

If ANY of the following symptoms: fever, new onset or worsening cough; or shortness of breath^{*c}

Stay home at least 7 days or for 3 days with no fever & improvement of respiratory symptoms – **whichever is longer.**

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

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

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* Siblings & household members also stay home for 14 days

^c (Green box) = COVID-19

^d (Blue box) = Other symptoms