COVID-19 School Exclusion Recommendations

Exclusion From and Return to School Recommendations

COVID-19 Symptoms • **Two** of the following symptoms: fever (measured or subjective), chills, fatigue, myalgia, headache, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea OR • **One** of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell	Individual should be tested for COVID-19. • If test result is negative **OR** doctor's note with differential diagnosis, return to school after 24 hours afebrile **and** improved respiratory symptoms • If test result is positive or individual is unable/refuses to get tested, may return to school after: ➢ 24 hours with no fever **and** ➢ Improvement in symptoms **and** ➢ 10 days since symptoms first appeared	
Positive COVID-19 PCR or Antigen (Point of Care) Test	**WITH SYMPTOMS** May return to school after: • 24 hours with no fever **and** • improvement in symptoms **and** • 10 days since symptoms first appeared	**WITHOUT SYMPTOMS** May return to school after: • 10 days after specimen was collected *If symptoms develop during the 10 days, follow return to school guidance for positive PCR or Antigen test **with** symptoms
Close Contact to Positive* • **Within 6ft for 15 minutes or more** • **Household contact** *If testing resources are sufficient, close contacts should be tested regardless of symptoms	**WITH SYMPTOMS** Individual should be tested for COVID-19 May return to school after: • 24 hours with no fever **and** • improvement in symptoms **and** • 10 days since symptoms first appeared	**WITHOUT SYMPTOMS** Quarantine can end 10 days after exposure without testing **or** after 7 days with a negative PCR or antigen test (must be collected on day 5 or thereafter) • Household contacts may require further investigation, by either OPH or school officials, to determine dates of quarantine *The most protective recommended quarantine remains 14 days post exposure.* It is recommended that symptom monitoring continue until day 14. If symptoms develop during the 14 days, follow return to school guidance for Close Contact **with** symptoms
****PA Travel Mandate** • **Critical workers are encouraged to wear both a face shield and mask and social distance, if unable to quarantine** *This does NOT apply to travelers under age 11 or people who commute to and from another state for work or medical exemption. For more information, click here*	**WITH SYMPTOMS** If symptoms develop during the 14 day return to PA, follow return to school guidance for COVID-19 symptoms	**WITHOUT SYMPTOMS** A negative COVID-19 test must be completed within 72 hours prior to entering PA • 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 • 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. It is recommended that symptom monitoring continue until day 14

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

Designated Contact Information for Schools
Phone: 610-278-6211
Email: MCSchoolsCOVID19@montcopa.org