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COVID-19 Return-to-School Policies – Decision Making Tree for School Administration

Is the student sick today?

NO → **Has the student had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 within the past 14 days?**

- Within 6ft of an infected person for at least 15 minutes

NO →
- Student can come to school

YES →
- Student stays home until 14 days from most recent exposure have passed
- Inform TCHD of an exposure, and let family know TCHD will be contacting them.
- Student must be symptom free upon return to school, preferably with a Negative test

YES ↓

Do the student's symptoms meet the following criteria of a suspect case of COVID-19?

Any **ONE** symptom	• Cough (new or unexplained) • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • New loss of taste or smell
OR	
Any **TWO** symptoms	• Fever or chills • Muscle or body aches • Headache • Sore throat • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhea • Fatigue • Congestion or runny nose (new or unexplained)

NO →

Has the student had any close contacts or potential exposures?

- Had close contact (within 6 ft of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19
- Traveled to, lived in, or had visitors from an area that is reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases
- Traveled to, lived in, or had visitors from an area with high community transmission (including your own community)?

NO →
- Student stays home according to school illness policies
  - i.e. at least 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medications AND other symptoms have improved.
- A negative test or a provider's note is **NOT** necessary to return to school
- Encourage family to contact healthcare provider for testing, if illness is significant or does not resolve on its own within 48 hours.

YES ↓

Can the student get tested for COVID-19?

- Contact TCHD is the family needs assistance finding testing.

NO →
- Student stays home at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms
- AND student is fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications
- AND other symptoms have improved
- Inform TCHD of a suspect case

YES →
- Student stays home until Negative test result
- AND student is fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications
- AND other symptoms have improved
- Inform TCHD of a suspect case

Any report of a POSITIVE COVID-19 test

- Student stays home until further notice.
- Contact the TCHD Immediately to report a communicable disease:
  406-466-2562
  406-466-5781 (after hours)

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