COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL FLOWCHART

WTPS July 28, 2020

Children and staff who are COVID-19 **positive** or who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and have **not had a medical evaluation or COVID-19 test** must not return until they have met the criteria for discontinuing home isolation

Individuals with an alternate diagnosis that would explain the reason for their symptom(s) should:

Stay home and follow the NJDOH School Exclusion List for the diagnosed illness.

If symptoms related to an alternate diagnosis change or worsen, the individual should consult a healthcare provider to determine next steps.

Met Criteria

No → **Contact School Nurse**

Yes → **Contact School Nurse/Return to School**

Individuals who have **symptoms of COVID-19** **AND:** ❑ **have tested positive** (by PCR, rapid molecular or antigen testing) **OR** ❑ **have not been tested** (i.e. monitoring for symptoms at home)	Should **stay home** and **away from others** until: ❑ At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared **AND** ❑ They have had no fever for at least 24 hours (one full day without the use of medicine that reduces fever) **AND** ❑ Symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)
Individuals who have **NO symptoms and have tested positive**	Should **stay home** and **away from others** until: ❑ 10 days have passed from the collection date of their positive COVID-19 diagnostic test **AND** they have not developed symptoms.
Individuals who have **symptoms and have tested negative**	Should **stay home** and **away from others** until: ❑ 24 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms improve.
Individuals who are identified as a **close contact* of a confirmed case**	Should: ❑ Self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms for 14 days from the last date of exposure with the confirmed case, even if contact tested negative.
For Special Education and Childcare the small group/cohort of the symptomatic person should also be sent home.	Contacts should be instructed to **quarantine** and may return: ❑ If **the ill person tests positive -** after 14 days from the last exposure and no symptoms develop. **OR** ❑ After the ill person has an alternate diagnosis that would explain the symptoms. **OR** ❑ After the ill person tests negative.
If a case of COVID-19 infection occurs in **one defined group** within the center, the ill person should be sent home.	Response: ❑ Other staff and children in the group would be considered close contacts of that case and must be quarantined in their homes for 14 days. **AND** ❑ Public health, parents/guardians, and staff facility-wide should be informed of the situation. **AND** ❑ The CDC guidance for cleaning and disinfection should be followed.

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