

WHEN A STAFF MEMBER SHOULD STAY HOME OR MAY BE SENT HOME



Staff should not go to school or participate in any school activities or sports if having symptoms of COVID-19. If a staff member starts having symptoms of COVID-19 while at school, they need to be sent home. The staff member may return based on the guidance for their diagnosis (See “Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools” bit.ly/2PaOz8U) unless they are at risk for COVID-19 exposure.

As long as there are cases of COVID-19 in the community, there is no way to prevent all risks of COVID-19 spread in schools. The goal is to keep the risk as low as possible to keep school and school activities as safe as possible.



If you have been placed into isolation or quarantine for COVID-19, you may not attend in-person school activities.

1. SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 (CDC VERSION FOR K-12)

(If new, different, or worse than any longstanding conditions)

- Temperature 100.4 or greater
- Sore throat
- New or worsening uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or unusual abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache
- New loss of taste or smell

2. ARE YOU AT RISK FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19?

Individuals are at higher risk for COVID-19 if in the past 14 days they:

- Had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19.
- Had close contact with person under quarantine for COVID-19.
- Have a history of travel.



If "YES" to any questions in Section 1, and "NO" to all questions in Section 2, staff member should stay out of school until they meet criteria for return based on their symptoms.



If "YES" to any question in Section 1, and "YES" to any question in Section 2, staff member should stay out of school, and be evaluated by their healthcare provider and possibly receive COVID-19 testing.

If "NO" to all questions in Section 1, and "YES" to any questions in Section 2, staff member needs only be excluded from school if they have had close contact to someone with confirmed COVID-19, as they should be in quarantine.

If you are asked to be medically evaluated, call your health care provider or follow up with a local clinic or urgent care center. You can also call 2-1-1 or go to www.mi.gov/coronavirustest to find the closest testing location.

While testing is not required, staff member may need to be excluded from in-person work for a longer period of time.

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HOW LONG MUST THEY STAY OUT OF SCHOOL?

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, and test positive for COVID-19:

Stay out of school until:

- It has been at least 10 days from the first day symptoms appeared.
- At least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- Other symptoms have improved. There is no need for a “negative test” or a “doctor’s note” for clearance to return to school if all isolation and quarantine criteria are met. PHMC issues an Isolation and Quarantine Completion Notification Letter once an individual completes isolation/quarantine.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, have risk for exposure to COVID-19, and no testing has been done (or results are pending):

Stay out of school until:

- It has been at least 10 days from the first day symptoms appeared.
- At least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- Other symptoms have improved.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, have risk for exposure to COVID-19, and test negative for COVID-19:

You may return based on the guidance for your symptoms (see “Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools” bit.ly/2PaOz8U):

- **Fever:** at least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications
- **Sore throat:** improvement in symptom (if strep throat: do not return until at least 2 doses of antibiotic have been taken);
- **Cough/Shortness of breath:** improvement in symptom
- **Diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain:** no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours
- **Severe headache:** improvement in symptom
- **Loss of taste/smell:** improvement in symptom