

LEXINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COVID-19 EXCLUSION AND RE-ADMITTANCE TO SCHOOL

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The following screening criteria is based on current research. Because people with COVID-19 report a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness, the following criteria will assist schools in identifying presumptive positive COVID-19 cases.

COVID-19 EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL

Students or staff with two of these symptoms:

Fever (measured or subjective), chills, cold/shivering, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cough.

OR

Students or staff with one of these symptoms:

Fever (measured or subjective), chills, cold/shivering, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cough, **AND** have been exposed to a known covid-positive person.

OR

Students or staff with one these symptoms:

Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste and smell.

Action

Students or staff with these symptoms should be immediately isolated in the designated area and sent home as soon as possible. Require the symptomatic person to wear a mask while waiting, if tolerable.

COVID-19 RE-ADMITTANCE TO SCHOOL

Symptomatic students/staff testing positive for COVID-19

Exclude person from school. May readmit:

After 5th day of exclusion from time symptoms first appeared, **if 1)** at least 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medication, **and 2)** symptoms have improved.

Must wear mask at school & school activities through the 10th day after symptoms first appeared.

If fever persists through 6th day, then exclude person for at least 10 days from time symptoms first appeared.

A negative COVID-19 test is not required for a student/staff member to return to school. A positive COVID-19 person does not need a repeat COVID-19 test or medical provider's note to return to school.

Symptomatic students/staff NOT tested for COVID-19

Exclude person from school. May readmit:

After 5th day of exclusion from time symptoms first appeared, **if 1)** at least 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medication, **and 2)** symptoms have improved.

Must wear mask at school & school activities through the 10th day after symptoms first appeared.

If fever persists through 6th day, then exclude person for at least 10 days from time symptoms first appeared.

If a medical provider establishes an alternative diagnosis and provides a note to school permitting sooner return, person may return per note and does not have to wear a mask.

Symptomatic students/staff testing negative for COVID-19

Exclude person from school. May readmit:

If 1) at least 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medication, **and 2)** symptoms have improved.

Exclusion Date: _____ Return Date: _____