

LEXINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COVID-19 EXCLUSION AND RE-ADMITTANCE TO SCHOOL

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 with two of these symptoms:

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

OR

Students with one of these symptoms:

New cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste and smell.

Action

Students and 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 for:

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared.

AND:

- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication

AND:

- Symptoms have improved.

Symptomatic students/staff NOT tested for COVID-19

Exclude for:

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared.

AND:

- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication

AND:

- Symptoms have improved.

May return to school if a doctor establishes an alternative diagnosis and with a doctor's note.

Symptomatic students/staff testing negative for COVID-19

Exclude for:

- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication

AND:

- Symptoms have improved.

- 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 doctor's note to return to school.