COVID-19 School Exclusion Recommendations

Exclusion From and Return to School Recommendations / Updated 8/21/2020

COVID-19 Symptoms	**INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE TESTED FOR COVID-19**	
• **Two** of the following symptoms: chills, fatigue, myalgia, headache, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. OR • **One** of the following symptoms: fever (100.4F or higher), cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell.	• If test result is **negative**, return to school 3 days after symptoms are no longer present. • If test result is **positive** or individual is unable/refuses to get tested, may return to school after: ➢ 24 hours with no fever, **and** ➢ improvement in symptoms, **and** ➢ 14 days since symptoms first appeared.	
Positive COVID-19 PCR Test	**WITH SYMPTOMS** May return to school after: • 24 hours with no fever, **and** • improvement in symptoms, **and** • 14 days since symptoms first appeared.	**WITHOUT SYMPTOMS** May return to school after: • 14 days after PCR test was collected. • *If symptoms develop during the 10 days, follow return to school guidance for Positive PCR With Symptoms.*
Close Contact to Positive • Within 6ft for 15 minutes or more. • Household contact.	**WITH SYMPTOMS** Individual should be tested for COVID-19: • If test result is **negative**, return to school 14 days after last exposure to the person with COVID-19 and symptoms have resolved. • If test result is **positive**, follow return to school guidance for Positive PCR With Symptoms.	**WITHOUT SYMPTOMS** Excluded 14 days after last date of exposure to the person with COVID-19: • Household contacts are in quarantine until 14 days **after** household positive is released from isolation. • *If symptoms develop during the 14 days, follow return to school guidance for Close Contact With Symptoms.*
Travel to States with High COVID-19 Rates • Critical workers are encouraged to wear both a face shield and mask and social distance, if unable to quarantine.	**WITH SYMPTOMS** If symptoms develop during the recommended 14-day quarantine upon return to PA, follow return to school guidance for COVID-19 symptoms.	**WITHOUT SYMPTOMS** Self-quarantine for 14 days from when they return to PA.