



## Pathway 2:

# Students and School Employees Who Are Close Contacts\* of Person with Symptoms\*\* of COVID-19

For example, sibling of student who has symptoms in Pathway 1



**START**

### Daily Screening

Student or Employee is a close (household) contact\* of a person with symptom(s)\*\* of COVID-19.

- Student or employee may attend school and participate in daily screening for symptoms or exposure.
- Alternately, schools may choose by policy to be more stringent and restrict on-campus presence of close contacts of potential cases.



Student or employee may seek COVID-19 testing.



If student or employee develops symptoms\*\* of COVID-19, follow steps in Pathway 1.



If contact\* tests negative for COVID-19 or receives a letter with specific alternate diagnosis from health care provider, student or employee may continue or resume normal school attendance.



If contact\* tests positive for COVID-19, follow steps in Pathway 3.



**Negative Test No COVID-19**  
Return to school after symptoms improve AND no fever for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medicine), unless quarantined because close contact tests positive for COVID-19.



**Positive Test Confirms COVID-19**  
Isolate at home for at least 10 days from time symptoms began until symptoms improve AND no fever for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medicine).

\* Close contact is defined as a member of the same household or, per CDC, any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before symptom onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to testing) until the patient's period of isolation has ended.

\*\* Symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19 infection in children, as defined by CDC (8/2020), include:

- Fever of 100.4 F or higher
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough causing difficulty breathing (for children with chronic cough caused by allergies or asthma, a change in baseline cough)
- Diarrhea/vomiting/abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache, especially with fever

*If the child's symptoms are not consistent with possible COVID-19 but there is still concern, evaluation by a medical professional is recommended.*