



COVID-19 School Exclusion Recommendations

Exclusion From and Return to School Recommendations			
<p>COVID-19 Symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Two</u> of the following symptoms: fever (measured or subjective), chills, fatigue, myalgia, headache, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea OR • <u>One</u> of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell 	<p>Individual should be tested for COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If test result is negative OR doctor's note with differential diagnosis, return to school after 24 hours afebrile and improved respiratory symptoms • If test result is positive or individual is unable/refuses to get tested, may return to school after: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 24 hours with no fever and ➤ Improvement in symptoms and ➤ 10 days since symptoms first appeared 		
<p>Positive COVID-19 PCR or Antigen (Point of Care) Test</p>	<p>WITH SYMPTOMS</p> <p>May return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 hours with no fever and • improvement in symptoms and • 10 days since symptoms first appeared 	<p>WITHOUT SYMPTOMS</p> <p>May return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 days after specimen was collected <p>If symptoms develop during the 10 days, follow return to school guidance for positive PCR or Antigen test <u>with</u> symptoms</p>	
	<p>Close Contact to Positive*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 6ft for 15 minutes or more • Household contact <p>*If testing resources are sufficient, close contacts should be tested regardless of symptoms</p>	<p>WITH SYMPTOMS</p> <p>Individual should be tested for COVID-19</p> <p>May return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 hours with no fever and • improvement in symptoms and • 10 days since symptoms first appeared 	<p>WITHOUT SYMPTOMS</p> <p>Quarantine can end 10 days after exposure without testing or after 7 days with a negative PCR or antigen test (must be collected on day 5 or thereafter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household contacts may require further investigation, by either OPH or school officials, to determine dates of quarantine <p><i>The most protective recommended quarantine remains 14 days post exposure.</i></p> <p>It is recommended that symptom monitoring continue until day 14. If symptoms develop during the 14 days, follow return to school guidance for Close Contact <u>with</u> symptoms</p>
<p>**PA Travel Mandate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical workers are encouraged to wear both a face shield and mask and social distance, if unable to quarantine <p><i>This does NOT apply to travelers under age 11 or people who commute to and from another state for work or medical exemption. For more information, click here</i></p>	<p>WITH SYMPTOMS</p> <p>If symptoms develop during the 14 day return to PA, follow return to school guidance for COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<p>WITHOUT SYMPTOMS</p> <p>A negative COVID-19 test must be completed within 72 hours prior to entering PA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If an individual is unable to get a test or chooses not to get a test, they must quarantine for 10 days upon arrival in PA • If a traveler chooses to get tested upon entering PA, or is waiting for test results, the traveler must quarantine for 10 days, or until receipt of a negative test result, whichever comes first. <p>It is recommended that symptom monitoring continue until day 14</p>	

2020 – PAHAN – 517 – 07-18-UPD: Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions for Patients with COVID-19

2020 – PAHAN – 538 – 12-4-ALT: Updated Quarantine Recommendations for Persons Exposed to COVID-19

2021 – PAHAN – 551 – 2-12-UPD: UPDATE: Quarantine Recommendations After SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination

**PADOH COVID 19 Information for Travelers