

Q: When a student or staff is out of school because of a COVID-19 test, symptoms or exposure, do their class, cohort and close contacts need to be dismissed and quarantined?

A: If the student or staff sent home was in class within 48 hours prior to their test (or symptom onset), follow the flowchart below.

START

Does the student or staff sent home have a **positive COVID-19 test**?

Does the student or staff sent home have **new symptoms and close contact** with someone who has COVID-19?

Did the student or staff sent home have a **fever and any other major symptom**?

Quarantine Immediately

If **ANY** answers are YES

Dismiss classmates, cohort and other in-school contacts.

These individuals should follow quarantine precautions until the **Criteria to Return to Care or In-Person Learning*** have been met.

<http://covid19.colorado.gov/how-to-quarantine#>

If **ALL** answers are NO

Is the school in a community with **Sustained Community Transmission** (Stay at Home or Safer at Home)?

Does the student or staff sent home have one or more **Major symptoms**?

Does the student or staff sent home have two or more **Minor symptoms**?

Has there been another known case of COVID-19 in the school in the last 14 days?

Are 10% or more of the students or staff in the classroom or cohort currently out with COVID-19 symptoms? (rounding up; e.g., for 14-member classroom, 2 or more students and staff)

Evaluate for 4 days before quarantine

If **Criteria to Return to Care or In-Person Learning*** are not met after 4 days

If all answers are NO or **Criteria to Return to Care or In-Person Learning*** are met

Continue care or in-person learning

***Criteria to Return to Care or In-Person Learning**

The student or staff sent home has any of the following:

- In a person with any **Major symptoms**, ALL symptoms have resolved within 24 hours; or
- In a person with only **Minor symptoms**, ALL symptoms have resolved within 48 hours; or
- **Another diagnosis that explains their symptoms** after consulting with a healthcare provider; or
- A **negative COVID-19 PCR test**.

OR 14 days have passed since the student or staff sent home was last in school.

MAJOR SYMPTOMS

- Feeling feverish, having chills, or
- Temperature of 100.4° F or greater
- Loss of taste or smell
- New or unexplained persistent cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

MINOR SYMPTOMS

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting
- Diarrhea