COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs

Follow the appropriate path if a child, student, or staff person is experiencing the following symptoms consistent with COVID-19:

- **More common**: fever greater than or equal to 100.4°F, new onset and/or worsening cough, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell.
- **Less common**: sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea*, chills, muscle pain, excessive fatigue, new onset of severe headache, new onset of nasal congestion or runny nose.

**For people with ONE “less common” symptom**

- **Stay home or Send home**
  - If symptom lasts < 24 hours*, may return to school or program.
  - If symptom lasts > 24 hours stay home and consider evaluation from a health care provider and/or COVID-19 test.

**For people with ONE “more common” symptom AND/OR at least TWO “less common” symptoms**

- **Person stays home or is sent home.**
  - Evaluation and/or COVID-19 test from a health care provider.
  - If negative or alternative diagnosis, siblings and household contacts do not need to stay home or quarantine.
  - If positive test result, siblings and household contacts stay home and quarantine from all activities for at least 14 days after last exposure.

**For people who are a close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.**

A close contact is a person who was within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes of someone who is infected. This includes anyone who lives in the same household.

- **Stay home from all activities for at least 14 days since the last contact with the positive case.**
  - Get tested 5-7 days after last contact with the positive case.
  - Even if the person receives a negative test result, they need to complete 14 days of quarantine before returning to school or program.

**Stay at home in isolation for at least 10 days from time symptoms started until symptoms improved AND no fever for 24 hours (without fever reducing medications).**

* Those with symptom of diarrhea should remain home for 48 hours after symptom resolution.

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