Williams County Health District

Decision Tree for People with COVID-19 Symptoms for Williams County Schools

People who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 at school	People who received a lab test for COVID-19	People with a COVID-19 diagnosis without a lab test or people with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 without a medical evaluation	People with other diagnoses (e.g., norovirus, strep throat) that explain symptoms or healthcare provider says symptoms are connected to a pre-existing condition	People who were exposed to someone with COVID-19
Symptoms: At least 1 of the following: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of smell/taste OR At least 2 of the following: fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, headache, and GI symptom (vomiting, diarrhea, nausea) Place person in a separate room away from other people, maintain physical distance and wear PPE. Recommend person wear a mask and get tested. Send person home. Disinfect room.	**Pending test result:** Recommend isolation of person and their household at home pending result. **Positive test result*:** Health Dept will monitor these individuals daily until they are released from isolation. People shall stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared or from test date if asymptomatic AND until no fever for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication AND improvement of other symptoms. Household members that are close contacts shall stay at home to quarantine and will be monitored by health dept for 14 days. * **Negative test result and a high suspicion of COVID-19 without a more probable diagnosis:** People are to stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication AND improvement of other symptoms. Recommend household members that are close contacts quarantine for 14 days or follow healthcare provider direction.	These persons are not monitored by the Health Dept but may have been seen by their provider or through a telehealth visit and told to isolate/quarantine. Follow healthcare provider's directions. Stay at home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 24 hours without medication AND improvement of symptoms. Recommend that household members stay at home to quarantine for 14 days. Consider level of community transmission or travel history.	Stay home until symptoms have improved. Follow specific guidance from healthcare provider or ODH Communicable Disease Chart. Follow school policy on return to school for other illnesses.	Persons should quarantine at home for 14 days if they are a close contact (within 6 ft for 15 min or longer) to a person with COVID-19 during the infectious period. **Infectious Periods:** A person with COVID-19 is considered infectious beginning 48 hours before their first symptom through Day 10 after their first symptom. The day of their first symptom is Day 0. An asymptomatic person is considered infectious 48 hours before their test date through Day 10 after their test date. The test date is Day 0.

* Health Depts are only notified of positive test results. These confirmed cases and their close contacts will be monitored by the health department. People who fall into other categories are not monitored daily by the health department however should follow the guidance from their provider and the CDC.

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