

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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

People who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 at school	People who received a lab test for COVID-19	People who were exposed to someone with COVID-19	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 with a COVID-19 diagnosis without a lab test or people with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 without a medical evaluation
<p>Symptoms: (1 or more) Fever (>100 degrees), chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, muscle pain or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of sense of smell/taste, congestion/runny nose, and GI symptom (vomiting, diarrhea, nausea)</p> <p>Place person in a separate room away from other people, maintain physical distance and wear PPE. Recommend person wear a mask and check with their healthcare provider about getting tested. Send person home. Disinfect room.</p>	<p>Pending test result: Isolation of person pending result. If household members have symptoms, they should also get tested and isolate at home pending results.</p> <p>Positive test result*: Health department 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.</p> <p>Household members shall stay at home to quarantine and will be monitored by the health department for 14 days.*</p>	<p>Persons should quarantine at home for 14 days if they are a close contact (within 6 feet for 15 min or longer) to a person with COVID-19 during the infectious period.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Stay home until symptoms have improved. Follow specific guidance from provider or ODH Communicable Disease Chart.</p> <p>Follow school policy on return to school for other illnesses.</p>	<p>These persons are not monitored by the health department but may have been seen by their provider or through a telehealth visit and told to isolate/quarantine.</p> <p>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 other symptoms.</p> <p>Recommend that household members stay at home to quarantine for 14 days.</p>

* Health departments are only notified of positive test results. These confirmed cases and their close contacts will be monitored daily by the health department. It is important for these individuals to stay in communication with the health department, even if they do not have symptoms. 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.