

Process Flowchart for Reported COVID-19-like Symptoms for Students, Employees or Volunteers in Schools[^]

[^]This flow chart assumes the individual is NOT an identified close contact of a known positive COVID case. If the individual is a close contact, they will have been contacted by KPHD and should be in quarantine

Symptoms appear prior to arrival on site:

Encourage individual to stay home and isolate, and to follow up with healthcare provider regarding evaluation and COVID-19 testing.

OR

Symptoms appear while already on site:

Isolate the individual and send home. Encourage follow up with healthcare provider for COVID-19 testing. Follow protocol for cleaning areas in which individual was present.

ASSESS SYMPTOMS:

Individual has symptoms of COVID-19*

Any ONE of the following: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new onset of loss of taste or smell	OR	TWO or more of the following lesser symptoms: Fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, unusual fatigue, congestion, or runny nose
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AND

No alternative, more likely diagnosis (e.g. pre-existing asthma with potential exacerbations)

If only one lesser symptom:

Encourage individual to **stay home** or isolate and send home **until symptom free for 24 hours** without medication or other symptom improves**. Instruct individual to monitor for additional or worsening symptoms and encourage to follow up with healthcare provider for testing. Follow protocol for cleaning areas in which individual was present.

Asymptomatic possible exposure (not confirmed by KPHD):

If an individual believes they have been exposed, but are not a confirmed close contact, they **may make the personal choice to seek testing and isolate or quarantine from work or school at home**.

COVID-19 Test:
Stay home and isolate until test result is back.

No COVID-19 Test:
Individual excluded from and instructed to isolate

Positive PCR or Antigen** Test Result

Individual to notify facility of positive test result. Individual to **stay home and isolate for 10 days from symptom onset or positive test date and 24 hours free from fever without medication and other symptoms improving**. Household members and close contacts will also be asked to quarantine by KPHD and **should be excluded from work or school**.

Negative PCR Test Result

Unless an alternative diagnosis and care plan is given by physician, individual **should still stay home until fever free for 24 hours without medication and other symptoms improving**. Recommend retesting with PCR for negative antigen test. Provide guidance that a negative test result is not a guarantee that the individual is COVID negative.

Refused COVID-19 Test

Treat as a presumptive positive result and send/instruct to **stay home and isolate for 10 days after onset of symptoms and until 24 hours symptom free without medication and other symptoms improving**.

*Symptoms as defined by Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists as criteria for defining a case of COVID 19 for CDC (08/05/2020)

**Per updated guidelines from DOH (09/02/2020), 24 hours fever free to align with other DOH guidance, positive PCR or antigen maybe used to determine a positive case and would require isolation