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## Student Symptom Screening Checklist

School staff conducting health screenings and temperature checks should maintain a 6-foot distance while asking questions and wear a face shield, face covering and gloves.

Ask the person dropping off child(ren) the following three questions before entering the facility.

*If there is not a person accompanying the child(ren) during drop-off, use your best judgement as to whether or not the child can respond adequately without an adult present.*

1. **Have any of the children you are dropping off had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any Health Department or Health Care Provider been in contact and advised you to quarantine?**

**No contact.** Child can be at school if they are not experiencing symptoms.

**Yes, contact.** The child should not be at school. The child can return 14 days after the last time the child came in contact with someone with COVID-19, or as listed below.

2. **Do any of the children you are dropping off have any of these symptoms?  
*Fever; Chills; Shortness of Breath/Difficulty Breathing; New Cough; or New Loss of Taste/Smell, Nausea, Upset Stomach, Diarrhea, Headache, Dizziness.***

**No symptoms.** Child can be at school if they are not experiencing symptoms.

**Yes, symptoms.** If yes, child should go home, stay away from other people, and a family member should call the child's healthcare provider or public health.

3. **Since they were last at school, have any of the children you are dropping off been diagnosed with COVID-19?**

**No diagnosis.** Child can be at school if not experiencing symptoms.

**Yes, diagnosis.** If a child is diagnosed with COVID-19 based on a test, their symptoms, or does not get a COVID-19 test but has had symptoms, the child should not be at school and should stay home until the child can meet the criteria below.

## A child can return to school when a family member can answer YES to ALL three questions:

1. Has it been at least 10 days since the child first had symptoms?
2. Has it been at least 24 hours since the child had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine)?
3. Have the child's symptoms improved, including cough and shortness of breath?

## When returning to school — things to consider:

**If a child has had a negative COVID-19 test**, the child can return to school once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines and the child has felt well for 24 hours.

**If a child has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but does not have symptoms**, the child should remain out of school until 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming the child has not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.

**If a child has been determined to have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19**, the child should remain out of school for 14 days since the last known contact, unless they test positive. In which case, criteria above would apply. The child must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if the child tests negative.

**A child can return to school, following normal school policies, if they receive confirmation of an alternative diagnosis from a healthcare provider** that would explain the COVID-19 like symptom(s), once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines and the child has felt well for 24 hours.

## Confidentiality of Health-Related Information

Contract tracing is a private process. As part of local, state and federal laws, a student's personal information may not be released to the public or shared with individuals who may have come in contact with the infected student. Employees are prohibited from disclosing confidential information about students or employees.

**Sources:** North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Strong Schools toolkit, dated July 24, 2020. Note: Information in this document is subject to change as new directives and guidance are issued by various local, state and federal authorities. The most current version can be found on **GCS Reconnect, Reopen and Stay Safe** on [www.gcsnc.com](http://www.gcsnc.com). Special thanks also to Dallas Independent School District and Orange County Public Schools (FL).

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