

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 Class A Symptom: Fever > 100.4F (measured or subjective), cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new onset of loss of taste or smell	OR	TWO or more Class B Symptoms: Chills, rigors, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, unusual fatigue, congestion, or runny nose
AND		

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

If only one Class B symptom:

Encourage individual to **stay home** or isolate and send home. Instruct individual to **monitor for additional or worsening symptoms and encourage to follow up with healthcare provider for testing if symptom persists for more than 24 hours.**

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 fever free 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 **OR** rapid test. 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 fever 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
Updated to reflect most conservative DOH guidelines from <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/420-287-COVID-19SymptomEvalMgmtFlowChart.pdf> 10/13/2020