



Students with COVID-19 Symptoms



In response to COVID-19, the District will use caution when considering the response to student health complaints. This flowchart should be used in conjunction with the 'CDC Daily Screening for Students' in the clinic setting to determine appropriate response protocols.

1. Student arrives at clinic with COVID-19 like symptoms
2. Health aide screens using the 'CDC Daily Screening for Students' checklist. If student answers YES to any of the symptoms in Section 1:
 - ISOLATE student from others Immediately
 - If symptoms are severe, call 911 and notify EMS student has COVID-19 like symptoms
 - Call Parent or Guardian for student pickup;
AND
 - Health Aide will ask parent/guardian 'Close Contact/Potential Exposure' questions on checklist from Section 2.

Section 2: Parent/Guardian answers NO to all questions

- Refer student to primary health care provider for evaluation
- Student should be excused from school until symptom-free for 24 hours without fever/symptom reducing medicine (i.e. Tylenol, cough suppressant).

Section 2: Parent/Guardian answers YES to any questions

- Refer student to primary health care provider for evaluation and possible COVID testing
- Refer to health department or FCHC for testing resource information/recommendations
- Health aide will contact school health nurse to confirm student is a close contact to a positive case
- Since student is already symptomatic, if confirmed as a close contact, student should be excused from school until ALL of the following criteria has been met:

1. The child has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine
 2. All symptoms have generally improved
- AND

➢ At least 10 days have passed since the first day of symptoms

OR

➢ Child returns with negative COVID-19 test result (PCR lab or antigen only. Antibody test not accepted.)

Note: Student must be able to wear a mask for the remainder of the 14 day isolation period - if mask exemption is on file for this child they will need to stay home for remainder of the 14 days.

** Per CDC guidance, schools should not require testing results as part of return to school policies but students should be allowed to return to school with a negative test once symptoms have otherwise improved.*

NOTE:
After student pickup, direct custodian to clean all areas where the student has had contact

Ensure parents and guardians have the contact information for the Okeechobee County Health Department: (863) 462-5800 Press 3 Immediately. Staff and/or parents/guardians of students who have received a positive COVID-19 result/diagnosis should ensure they have been in contact with the local health department.

Daily Home Screening for Students

Parents: Please complete this short check each morning and report your child's information [INSERT YOUR SCHOOL REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS] in the morning before your child leaves for school.

SECTION 1: Symptoms

If your child has any of the following symptoms, that indicates a possible illness that may decrease the student's ability to learn and also put them at risk for spreading illness to others. Please check your child for these symptoms:

	Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth
	Sore throat
	New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
	Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
	New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

SECTION 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure

	Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19
	Traveled to or lived in an area where the local, Tribal, territorial, or state health department is reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases as described in the Community Mitigation Framework
	Live in areas of high community transmission (as described in the Community Mitigation Framework) while the school remains open



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