School Nurse Algorithm: Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure: Any new **cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste/smell**, fever (≥100.4°F), congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, sore throat, headache, myalgia, or exposure* to COVID-19 positive person?

-1 low-risk symptom
-No exposure

-≥2 low-risk symptoms OR
-1 high risk symptom***
-No exposure

-± symptoms
-positive exposure*

Return to school 24 hr after symptom resolution

Evaluation by Healthcare Provider

Negative swab**

Lab testing and evaluation; alternative diagnosis likely

Positive swab**

Return to school after 14 days from last contact unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, obtain swab**.

Return to school 24 hr afebrile and symptoms improving

Return to school after 24 hrs afebrile **and** symptoms improving **and** approval of local health department (typically 10-14 days); for St. Louis City, also release by primary care provider required; quarantine contacts

*Exposure defined as close contact >15 minutes within 6 feet.
**Swab refers to SARS-CoV-2 PCR test
***High risk symptoms (bolded) include cough, difficulty breathing and loss of taste or smell

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