Return to School Flowchart

A STUDENT HAS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

Send student and household members (e.g. siblings) home immediately. Advise student to seek medical attention, including testing for COVID-19.

POSITIVE TEST RESULT

Notify the Henderson County Department of Public Health at 828-694-6019 and notify the school nurse.

Schools will work in coordination with the health department to determine close contacts of this person.

Close contacts (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) will be contacted directly by the health department. **Close contacts and household members of the student (e.g. siblings) should quarantine within their household for 14 days after their last contact with the positive case.** *Other students and staff should self-monitor for symptoms but can continue at school.*

Isolate at home. Avoid others in the household and do not leave home except to seek medical care.

This student and siblings can return to school on campus and other activities when ***ALL*** of the following are true for each child:
- It has been at least 10 days since they first had symptoms **AND**
- They have not had a fever for 1 day (24 hours) without any fever reducing medication **AND**
- Their other symptoms have improved.

NOT TESTED

NEGATIVE TEST RESULT

Has this person had close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

YES — **Quarantine at home.** Avoid others in the household and do not leave home except to seek medical care.

This person can return to school on campus and other activities 14 days after the last time he or she had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

If this person later has a positive test, use criteria to the left.

NO — This person may be allowed to return to school on campus and other activities 24 hours after they have not had a fever without any fever reducing medication and their other symptoms have resolved.

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A STUDENT HAS HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19 IN THE PAST 14 DAYS

Does the student have symptoms of COVID-19?
- Fever*
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New cough
- New loss of taste or smell

Fever is determined by a measured temperature of 100.4 °F or greater.

YES

Send student and household members (e.g. siblings) home immediately. Advise student to seek medical attention, including immediate testing for COVID-19.

NO

Send student home immediately.
Recommend testing for COVID-19 5-7 days after their last exposure to the person with COVID-19.

NEGATIVE TEST RESULT

POSITIVE TEST RESULT

POSITIVE TEST RESULT

NEGATIVE TEST RESULT

Quarantine at home. Avoid others in the household and do not leave home except to seek medical care.

This person can return to school on campus and other activities 14 days after the last time he or she had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

If this person later has a positive test, use positive result criteria to the right.

Notify the Henderson County Department of Public Health at 828-694-6019 and notify the school nurse. Schools will work in coordination with the health department to determine close contacts of this person.

Close contacts (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) will be contacted directly by the health department. **Close contacts and household members of the student (e.g. siblings) should quarantine within their household for 14 days after their last contact with the positive case.**

Other students and staff should self-monitor for symptoms but can continue at school on campus.

Quarantine at home. Avoid others in the household and do not leave home except to seek medical care.

This person can return to school on campus and other activities 14 days after the last time he or she had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

If this person later has a positive test, use positive result criteria to the left.

Isolate at home. Avoid others in the household and do not leave home except to seek medical care.

This student and siblings can return to school on campus and other activities when **ALL** of the following are true for each child:
- It has been at least 10 days since they first had symptoms **AND**
- They have not had a fever for 1 day (24 hours) without any fever reducing medication **AND**
- Their other symptoms have improved.

QUESTIONS?
Contact your child's school nurse for guidance and further details.

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A STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Notify the Henderson County Department of Public Health at 828-694-6019 and notify the school nurse.

Schools will work in coordination with the health department to determine close contacts of this person.

Close contacts (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) will be contacted directly by the health department. **Close contacts and household members of the student (e.g. siblings) should quarantine within their household for 14 days after their last contact with the positive case.**

Other students and staff should self-monitor for symptoms but can continue at school on campus.

Does the student have symptoms of COVID-19?

- Fever*
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New cough
- New loss of taste or smell

Fever is determined by a measured temperature of 100.4 °F or greater.

YES

Isolate at home. The student and household members (e.g. siblings) should quarantine for 14 days after their last contact with the positive case, and not leave home except to seek medical care.

The student and siblings can return to school on campus and other activities when *ALL* of the following are true for each child:

- It has been at least 10 days since they first had symptoms **AND**
- They have not had a fever for 1 day (24 hours) without any fever reducing medication **AND**
- Their other symptoms have improved.

NO

Isolate at home. Avoid others in the household and do not leave home except to seek medical care.

This person can return to school on campus and other activities after 10 days from the date of their first positive COVID-19 test.

If this person develops symptoms after testing, use criteria to the left.

QUESTIONS?

Contact your child's school nurse for guidance and further details.

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