COVID-19 Return to School Flow Chart
What to Do if a Person is Symptomatic at School

Symptoms of COVID-19:

More specific:
- Fever (100.4°F) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or Body Aches

Less Specific:
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Test for COVID-19

If test is positive

Determine when the person’s symptoms started and assess for in-school exposures (see contact tracing guidance on the next page).

Contact Clallam County Public Health at (360) 417-2274

If test is negative or a more likely alternative diagnosis

May return to school when fever-free for 24 hours and all other symptoms improving.

If no test and no more likely alternative diagnosis

Exclude from school/work for 10 days.

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How to Care for Students/StaffExposed to COVID-19

Has this person received their booster or completed their vaccine series within the last 6 months (2 months for J&J)?

- Yes
  - Can continue work/school uninterrupted. Testing is recommended 5 days after exposure

- No
  - Was the exposure on school grounds?
    - Yes
      - Was the exposure during a low or high risk activity?
        - Low
          - May return to school immediately if asymptomatic. Testing is recommended 5 days after exposure.
        - High
          - May return to school immediately if asymptomatic. Must be tested twice weekly for the next 7 days. Quarantine 10 days if no testing is done. No extracurricular activities during quarantine period, even if testing
    - No
      - Was this a household exposure (parent/sibling positive)?
        - Yes
          - Quarantine for 7 days from last exposure. Test prior to return to school. Quarantine for 10 days if no testing is done.
        - No
          - May return to school immediately if asymptomatic. Testing is recommended 5 days after exposure.

Low Risk Activities: indoor classroom or extracurricular activities where masking is maintained. A person is considered exposed if within 3 feet of an infectious person for 15 minutes or more.

High Risk Activities: shared transportation, indoor meals, indoor unmasked sports/extracurricular activities, outdoor football, or indoor classroom activity where masking is not reliably maintained (students in kindergarten or younger, students with disabilities that preclude masking). A person is considered exposed if within 6 feet of an infectious person for 15 minutes or more.

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