



AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

GUIDANCE FOR WHEN A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER SCREENS OR TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUAL/CHILD WHO TESTS POSITIVE:

Exclude for 10 days from symptom onset AND only allow to return 3 days after fever resolution (if present) AND improved respiratory symptoms

SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUAL/CHILD NOT TESTED:

Exclude for 10 days from symptom onset AND only allow to return 3 days after fever resolution (if present) AND improved respiratory symptoms

May return to school if a doctor establishes an alternative diagnosis (e.g. urinary tract infection) and presents a doctor's note to confirm the presence of an alternate diagnosis that explains symptoms

SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUAL/CHILD WHO TESTS NEGATIVE:

Exclude until afebrile for 24 hours (if fever present) AND improved respiratory symptoms

EXPOSED AND ASYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUAL/CHILD:

Exclude for 14 days from last exposure if remains asymptomatic; if individual becomes symptomatic, exclude until they meet criteria listed above of a symptomatic individual who tests positive or is not tested

This screening chart was created jointly by the PA Department of Health and the PA Department of Education.

GROUP A

Cough • Shortness of Breath
Difficulty Breathing
New Olfactory Disorder
New Taste Disorder

GROUP B

Fever (measured or subjective)
Chills • Rigors • Diarrhea
Myalgia • Headache • Fatigue
Sore throat • Nausea or vomiting
Congestion or runny nose

STAY HOME IF YOU OR THE STUDENT:

- Have one or more symptoms in Group A **OR**
- Have two or more symptoms in Group B **OR**
- Are taking fever reducing medication

This is the most current data we have at the moment. As more data is gathered on the Covid-19 virus, this information may change and we will update our protocol accordingly.

We are encouraging families to take their children to their pediatrician. Their doctor may then either test the child for Covid-19 or provide an alternative diagnosis and write a clearance for the child to return to school.

If a student's symptoms are consistent with Covid-19, we will also be sending their siblings home as they reside in the same household.