



EXCLUSION FROM AND RETURN TO SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

SCENARIO	EXCLUDE FROM SCHOOL OR WORK	RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER
#1 - No Symptoms	No	Not applicable
#2- COVID-19 Symptoms as per SLSD COVID-19 Screener	Yes	<p>Individuals should be tested for COVID-19 - Results provided to the school nurse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Individuals are excluded from school until the results of their test are known. Results should be provided to the school nurse. → If the test is negative, return to school when the individual is asymptomatic and fever free for 48 hours. → If test is positive, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3. → If an individual is not tested and they are not a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Return to school when fever free (without fever reducing medication) and symptom free for 3 days.
#3 - Positive COVID-19 PCR test with symptoms as per the SLSD COVID-19 Screener	Yes	<p>Results provided to the school nurse.</p> <p>Patients with mild to moderate illness who are not severely immunocompromised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and → At least 48 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and → Symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath ...) have significantly improved <p>Patients with severe to critical illness or who are severely immunocompromised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Medical note provided to the school nurse specific to return to school. → At least 20 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and → At least 48 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and → Symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath ...) have significantly improved
#4 - Positive COVID-19 PCR test without symptoms as per the SLSD COVID-19 Screener	Yes	<p>Results provided to the school nurse.</p> <p>Patients who are not severely immunocompromised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive viral diagnostic test. → If symptoms develop during 10 days, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3. <p>Patients who are severely immunocompromised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 20 days have passed since the date of their first positive virtual diagnostic test.
#5 - Close contact of COVID-19 with symptoms as per SLSD COVID-19 Screener	Yes	<p>Individuals should be tested for COVID-19 - Results should be provided to the school nurse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → If the test result is negative, return to school 10 days after last exposure to the person with COVID and symptoms have resolved. → If test result is positive, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3. → If the patient is not tested, they are considered a probable case and should remain excluded from school until 10 days after symptoms appeared.
#6 - Close contact of COVID-19 without symptoms as per the SLSD COVID-19 Screener	Yes	<p>EITHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7 days if a diagnostic specimen (e.g., RT-PCR, antigen) tests negative and is collected on Day 5 or thereafter and the person remains asymptomatic. - 10 days after last exposure to the person with COVID-19 and the person remains asymptomatic → If symptoms develop at ANYTIME during the quarantine period, follow return to school guidance for scenario #5.

**** The Pennsylvania DOH defines a close contact as either being within 6 ft of a COVID-19 case for 15 or more minutes or having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case.**