



COVID-19 Screening Flowchart

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This flowchart will be used by health staff and families to provide guidance regarding students who may present to the clinic with COVID-19-like symptoms. This does not replace nursing judgement based on identified findings.

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Student Comes to Class or Clinic with Concerning Symptoms:

Teacher will:

1. Be sure student has mask on properly
2. Have student step into hallway with belongings
3. Call clinic for health escort
4. Sanitize hands and ensure that other students do as well
5. Record close contact information for contact tracing if necessary (those within 6 feet for > 15 minutes), have seating chart readily available

Nurse or Clinic Aide will:

1. Walk to classroom wearing PPE
2. Escort student to clinic while maintaining social distancing
3. Take history and assess student

Pediatric patients with COVID-19 may experience the following signs or symptoms over the course of the disease:

- Fever
- Cough
- Nasal congestion or rhinorrhea
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Myalgia
- Poor appetite
- Loss of taste and smell

VERBAL ASSESSMENT

When did symptoms start?
 Did you take any fever-reducing medicine at home in the last 3 days?
 Recent Travel?
 Recent exposure to someone ill?
 Anyone close contact test COVID positive?

VISUAL ASSESSMENT

CATEGORY 1 SYMPTOMS
 coughing, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity)

CATEGORY 2 SYMPTOMS
 fever, chills, body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste/smell

PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT

Temp > 100.4

Are Verbal, Visual or Physical concerns out of range?

***IF YES* ISOLATE**
Call Parent & notify siblings' principals

Call EMS if:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face
- Obvious distress

Allow student to rest for 10 minutes.
If no clinic space available - return to class -

IMPROVING? NO

Parent to pick up **immediately**. Student escorted to vehicle. Nurse will advise parent to call primary healthcare provider for next steps and notify Principal.

YES

Quarantine/Return to School Protocol for Symptomatic Individuals (Hamilton County Public Health)

Per Hamilton County Public Health: Your child may return to school when the following are true:

- *At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset
- AND
- *The individual has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication
- AND
- *Their other symptoms have improved OR
- *It is determined by HCPH that the student is not a probable/confirmed case of COVID-19 and the student fits our district policy for return to school following our existing school illness management policies.

Nurse reports suspected case to Hamilton County Public Health

Contact Tracing will be managed by Hamilton County Public Health

Families follow quarantine, isolation and return protocols

Return to Class