**BPS School Nurse Flowchart - Protocols for COVID-19 Related Return-to-School Scenarios**  
(from DESE/MDPH Joint statement 8/19/20)

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<th>Close contact to a person who tests positive for COVID-19</th>
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| Must self-quarantine for 14 days after the last exposure to the person who tested positive; even if this CC tests negative, the CC must continue to self-quarantine for the full 14 days as COVID-19 may take up to 14 days to cause CC to be ill. | May return to school after 10 days isolation and:  
- Improvement in symptoms  
- No fever for 3 days without fever reducing medications  
- Received clearance from public health authority | If a provider has documented an alternative diagnosis, the individual may return to school based on the recommendations for that alternative diagnosis (e.g., influenza or strep pharyngitis). | The individual may return when there is:  
- Improvement in symptoms  
AND  
- No fever for more than 24 hours without fever reducing medications | The individual may return to school 10 days from start of symptoms if:  
- Symptoms have improved  
AND  
- No fever for more than 24 hours without fever reducing medications |