

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

**Close contact** to a person who tests positive for COVID-19

Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19

COVID-19 symptoms diagnosed as an **alternative diagnosis**

COVID-19 symptoms & **negative COVID-19 test result**

COVID-19 symptoms but **not tested for COVID-19**

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