

# School Nurse Screening Guide for COVID-19

A student sent to the nurse with any symptom of COVID-19 (possible fever, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, congested or runny nose, loss of taste or smell, chills, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, poor feeding) is masked and seated in the medical waiting/isolation room.

**No Fever - One Non-Respiratory Symptom Only**

**Fever Only**  
Fever of 100.0°F or higher.

**Multiple Symptoms**

**Respiratory Symptoms**  
Cough, difficulty breathing, SOB.  
No fever or other symptoms.

Nurse assesses symptom for historically known etiology of symptom: migraines, IBS, lactose intolerance, etc.  
Is nurse suspicious that the symptom is COVID-19 related?

**No**

**Yes**

If non COVID-19 underlying cause is identified, & nurse is convinced that this is the cause of the symptom, then student may be treated and may Return to Class

**Send Home**  
If nurse is not convinced that the symptom is **not** COVID-19

**Send Home**  
Nurse contacts the parent/guardian, notifies of symptom and the need to pick-up the student (NO school bus); student is to continue to wear surgical mask and is monitored in the medical waiting/isolation room until parent/guardian arrives. Nurse advises parent/guardian to consult with student's PCP & if their student develops other symptoms of COVID-19 to seek testing. Nurse reviews symptoms and how to get the student tested/testing sites.  
**If symptoms worsen quickly, call 911**

**Send Home**  
Nurse advise parent/guardian to contact student's PCP for possible testing for COVID-19.

**Send Home or Call 911**  
Nurse assesses symptoms deciding if 911 is needed and discusses with parent guardian.

Does the student have asthma?

**No**

**Yes**

Is rescue medication MDI available?

**No**

**Yes**

**Nurse Administer**

Do symptoms improve after taking medication?

**No**

**Yes**