RETURN TO SCHOOL/CHILDCARE/WORK GUIDANCE FOLLOWING A POSITIVE SYMPTOM SCREEN FOR COVID-19 AND NO EXPOSURE

This guidance can be used by school, childcare and workplace staff to screen for COVID-19 symptoms.

1. Does the person have:
   - Any class A symptom of any duration, or
   - 2 or more class B symptoms of any duration, or
   - 1 or more class B symptom(s) lasting more than 24 hours
   - No known COVID-19 exposure in prior 14 days

   **Medical evaluation and/or COVID test are recommended.** Does a health care provider make an alternative diagnosis that explains all symptoms without performing a COVID-19 test?

   - YES
   - NO

2. **COVID-19 test is...**
   - Negative
   - Positive or not done

   **Isolate until at least:**
   - 10 days since symptom onset AND
   - 24 hours after fever resolves without use of fever-reducing medications AND
   - Symptoms have improved

3. **COVID-19 test is...**
   - Positive
   - Negative or not done

   **Isolate until at least:**
   - 24 hours after fever resolves without use of fever-reducing medication AND
   - Symptoms have improved
   - Per condition diagnosed by HCP
   - Whichever is LONGER

4. **Consider medical evaluation and COVID test.** Does a health care provider make an alternative diagnosis that explains all symptoms without performing a COVID-19 test?

   - NO
   - YES

5. **COVID-19 test is...**
   - No medical evaluation/no test done
   - Have symptoms improved in 24 hours?
   - YES
   - NO

6. **Follow 1 or more Class B symptom(s) lasting more than 24 hours.**

   - Nursing staff may consider general complaints on a case-by-case basis (abdominal pain, fatigue, headache with no other symptoms).

   - Nursing staff may consider chronic or recurring medical conditions that present with symptoms above on a case-by-case basis.

Visit [DOH.WA.GOV/Coronavirus](https://DOH.WA.GOV/Coronavirus) for more information.

1. In symptomatic persons, a negative rapid test should be confirmed with a PCR test performed in a clinical laboratory. See Interim Guidance for Rapid Antigen Testing for SARS-CoV-2 and Considerations for Interpreting Antigen Test Results.

2. Antigen tests are not recommended for asymptomatic individuals.

3. Follow 1 or more Class B symptom(s) lasting more than 24 hours.

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