

KSDS Decision Aid: Exclusion and Return for Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Persons with COVID-19-like Illness

For the purposes of this decision aid, "COVID-19-like illness" is defined as:

New onset of ONE of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste, loss of sense of smell; **-OR-**

New onset of TWO or more of the following symptoms: fever of 100.0 or higher, chills, shivering, muscle pain, significant fatigue, sore throat, runny nose, stuffy nose, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.

Person (child, educator, other staff) with **ONE NEW** symptom not meeting the full definition of COVID-19-like illness above.

Exclude the person from the school building and allow return when symptoms have improved and standard infection control criteria have been met as applicable.. If person develops symptoms of COVID-19-like illness, follow processes below for person with COVID-like illness.

An **asymptomatic person** (child, educator, other staff) tests positive for COVID-19.

The ill person should stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least **24 hours** without medication AND improvement of other symptoms.

Close contacts should stay home for 14 days from the date of last exposure **even if they have no symptoms or they have a negative COVID-19 test done during quarantine.**

Person (child, care provider, educator, other staff) with COVID-19-like illness.

- Exclude the person. Recommend that they talk to their provider about testing for COVID-19 or whether there is another specific diagnosis.
- The person is excluded pending test results or evaluation by their health care provider.
- **Close contacts** (including their kvutzah, KSDS sibs): School to use CDC guidelines to determine need for exclusion

Person has positive test for COVID-19.

Person does not receive a laboratory test or another specific alternative diagnosis by their health care provider.

The asymptomatic person must stay home for 10 days from positive test.

Person has negative test for COVID-19.

Health care provider documents that the person has a specific alternative diagnosis (e.g. influenza, strep throat, otitis) or health care provider documents that symptoms are related to a pre-existing condition.

The person should stay home until symptoms have improved and standard infection control criteria have been met as applicable.

The person should consider being tested/ retested if symptoms don't improve.

Close contacts DO NOT need to remain at home as long as they remain asymptomatic.