**COVID-19 Decision Tree for Minnehaha Academy**

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| **Symptoms of COVID-19 include:** new-onset cough or shortness of breath by themselves  **OR at least 2 of the following:** fever *(100.4 or higher),* chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of sense of smell or taste, and gastrointestinal symptoms *(diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea)* |

*If a person has a new symptom (ie: new loss of smell only) with no other diagnosis to explain it, they should stay home and talk to their healthcare provider before returning,*

*even if it is the only symptom they are experiencing.*

Students and staff who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 **should STAY or GO home.** Reference the exclusion criteria below to determine when they may return.

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| **COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria** | **Positive COVID-19 Test** | **Negative or**  **NO COVID-19 Test**  ***(WITH symptoms)*** | **Negative**  **COVID-19 Test**  ***(NO symptoms)*** | **Close Contact**  ***of Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 POSITIVE Individual*** | **Other Diagnoses *that explain the symptoms or if connected to a pre-existing condition*** |
| Isolation separates **SICK people** from people who are not sick ❖ Quarantine separates **WELL people** who were exposed to see if they become sick | | | | |
| **Individual** | **ISOLATE**  (stay home) at least:   * **10 days since symptoms first appeared AND** * **no fever for at least 24 hours** (without medications) **AND** * **improvement of other symptoms**   *\*if NO SYMPTOMS, 10 days*  *from test date* | **ISOLATE**  (stay home) at least:   * **10 days since symptoms first appeared AND** * **no fever for at least 24 hours** (without medications) **AND** * **improvement of other symptoms** | **NO REQUIREMENTS** | **QUARANTINE**  (stay home) for **14 days** beginning from the date of last close contact. | **STAY HOME until symptoms have improved. Follow your healthcare provider’s direction**  *\*Provide a note from the healthcare provider upon return* |
| **Household Members** | **QUARANTINE**  (stay home) for the entire isolation of the person with the positive test  AND  **14 days** beginning when the person with the positive test is cleared to return to normal activities. | **QUARANTINE**  (stay home) for the entire isolation of the person with COVID symptoms AND  **14 days** beginning when the person with symptoms is cleared to return to normal activities. | **NO REQUIREMENTS** | **QUARANTINE**  (stay home) for **14 days** beginning from the date the individual last had close contact.  *\*UNLESS individual can QUARANTINE away from others* | **NO REQUIREMENTS** |
| **References** | [**What To Do If You Are Sick**](https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/if-sick/) | [**What To Do While Waiting for COVID-19 Test Results**](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/waiting.pdf) | [**Caring for Someone Sick at Home**](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/care-for-someone.html) | [**What To Do If You Have Had Close Contact With A Person With COVID-19**](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/contact.pdf) | [**Infectious Disease In Childcare Settings And Schools**](https://www.hennepin.us/childcaremanual) |

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