Symptom Screening Recommendations

COVID-19 Symptoms

- Two of the following: fever (measured or subjective), chills, fatigue, myalgia, headache, sore throat, congestion or running nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

- One of the following: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell

Individual should be tested for COVID-19.

- If test result is negative OR doctor’s note with differential diagnosis, return to school after 24 hours afebrile and improved respiratory symptoms (refer to MCOPH Public Health Advisory released on 10/11/2021 for interpretation of Antigen Test Results in the K-12 setting).

- If test result is positive or individual is unable/refuses to get tested, may return to school after:
  - 24 hours with no fever
  - Improvement in symptoms and
  - 5 days since symptoms first appeared (masks should be worn day 6-10)

Isolation Requirements for Covid-19*

Per Montgomery County Public Health Code, pertaining to the reporting, isolation, quarantine, and respective disease control measures (including contact tracing) for the control of communicable diseases.

Quarantine Requirements for Covid-19*

Per Montgomery County Public Health Code, pertaining to the reporting, isolation, quarantine, and respective disease control measures (including contact tracing) for the control of communicable diseases.

Positive COVID-19 PCR or Antigen (Point of Care) Test

WITH SYMPTOMS

May return to school after:
- 24 hours with no fever
- Resolution of symptoms
- 5 days since symptoms first appeared (masks should be worn days 6-10)

May return to school after:
- 5 days after specimen was collected (masks should be worn days 6-10)

If symptoms develop during the 5 days, follow return to school guidance for positive PCR or Antigen test WITH symptoms

WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

COVID-19 Vaccination Exception

People who are vaccinated against COVID-19 do NOT need to quarantine after an exposure to another person with COVID-19 if they meet ALL of the following criteria:

- They are fully vaccinated (i.e. ≥2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine) AND have received a booster shot in the appropriate time frame recommended by their vaccine series AND
- They have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure

Fully Vaccinated should get tested 5 days after a known exposure and wear a mask around others for 10 days.

- If they test positive follow guidance for COVID-19 Positive Test and isolate
- If they develop COVID-19 symptoms, repeat testing recommended & follow sick policy.

A negative diagnostic test MAY rule out COVID-19.

COVID-19 Recent Infection Exception

People who had a positive diagnostic test for Covid-19 within the last 90 days before their exposure do not need to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic. These persons are recommended to wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days after exposure.

605 10/15/21 - UDP - Point of Care Antigen Test Use and Interpretation
607 - 10/25/21 - UDP - Public Health Recommendations Given New Evidence on the SARS-CoV-2 Delta Variant
CDC Updates and Shortens Recommended Isolation and Quarantine Period for General Population
601-10/1/21 - UPD ADV - Quarantine Recommendations After SARS-CoV-2 Antibody Test
10/11/2021 - MCOPH Public Health Advisory: Updated Interpretation of CLIA-Certified POC Antigen Test for Covid-19 Diagnosis in School Entities
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