## PLEASE KEEP STUDENTS WITH SYMPTOMS OUT OF SCHOOL

This list is school instructions, not medical advice. Please contact your health care provider with health concerns.

SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	*The list below tells the shortest time to stay home.  A student may need to stay home longer for some illnesses.
Fever: temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or greater	*Fever-free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medicine AND per guidance for primary COVID-19 symptoms.
New cough illness	* Symptoms improving for 24 hours (no cough or cough is well-controlled) AND per guidance for primary COVID-19 symptoms.
New difficulty breathing	* Symptoms improving for 24 hours (breathing comfortably) AND per guidance for primary COVID-19 symptoms. Urgent medical care may be needed.
Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in a day OR not able to control bowel movements	*Symptom-free for 48 hours OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
Vomiting: one or more episode that is unexplained	*Symptom-free for 48 hours OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
Headache with stiff neck and fever	*Symptom-free OR with orders from doctor to school nurse. Follow fever instructions above. <i>Urgent</i> medical care may be needed.
Skin rash or open sores	*Symptom free, which means rash is gone OR sores are dry or can be completely covered by a bandage OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
Red eyes with colored drainage	*Symptom-free, which means redness and drainage are gone OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
aundice: new yellow color in eyes or skin	*After the school has orders from doctor or local public health authority to school nurse.
Acting differently without a reason: unusually sleepy, grumpy, or confused.	*Symptom-free, which means return to normal behavior OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
Major health event, like an illness lasting 2 or more weeks OR a hospital stay, OR nealth condition requires more care than school staff can safely provide.	*After the school has orders from doctor to school nurse AND after measures are in place for the student's safety. Please work with school staff to address special health-care needs so the student may attend safely.





## **Guidance for Primary COVID-19 Symptoms and Symptom-Based Exclusion**

Students and staff must be excluded from the school setting if they are in the communicable stages of a school-restrictable disease.

## PRIMARY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19:

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath and
- Loss of taste or smell.

Schools are required to exclude for 5 days when:

- A student exhibits two or more of the primary symptoms of COVID-19 (above)
   AND/OR
  - Test positive for COVID-19
  - Refuse to test for COVID-19

If a student has two or more of the primary symptoms of COVID-19 **AND** tests negative, they may return following symptom guidance document (on reverse side).

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Nurse Elliott.

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For more detailed information, please refer to:

- Communicable Disease Guidance for Schools
- OHA 4022A Isolation and Exclusion Guidelines for K-12 Settings
- Fern Ridge School District website- 22-23 School Information