COVID-19 Student Symptom Flow Chart

**SCENARIO 1**
- NO symptoms
- NO diagnosis
- NO close contact of someone with COVID-19 OR meets the criteria in the Vaccination/Previous Infection box below

CAN go to school in-person

Return to building after 24 hours from time that fever has resolved (without medication) AND symptoms are improving.

**QUARANTINE DURATION**
If recommended duration is not possible, these two options are acceptable alternatives:
1. If a person who is in quarantine has no symptoms, quarantine can end after Day 10. (Day 1 is the first day after exposure.)
2. If a person who is in quarantine receives a negative molecular COVID-19 test and has no symptoms, quarantine can end after Day 7. The person must be tested on or after Day 5, and quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than Day 8. Even if a negative test is received before Day 8, the quarantine period should still be a full seven days.

**SYMPTOMS**
- Fever (defined as subjective or 100.4°F or higher)
- Chills
- Cough
- Loss of sense of taste and/or smell
- Shortness of breath

*That are not explained by an existing condition, such as allergies or asthma.

**TESTING**
Several types of COVID-19 tests exist, with varying degrees of accuracy. The less accurate antigen tests are suitable for screening purposes or for quick, positive results. To confirm a negative result in someone with symptoms, the test performed must be a molecular test, such as a PCR test.

**CLOSE CONTACTS**
Generally, "Close Contact" means being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 (within 3 feet for students in a classroom) regardless of whether the individuals are wearing masks—for about 15 minutes or more. Members of a household are considered to be close contacts. Ultimately, local health departments determine possible exposure and quarantine requirements during their investigation.

**VACCINATION/PREVIOUS INFECTION**
Vaccinated or previously infected persons who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet the following criteria:
- Are fully vaccinated (at least two weeks have passed since their second dose (or single Johnson & Johnson dose)) OR were previously infected with COVID-19 within the past 90 days and have completed isolation.
- Tested negative with a molecular test if they have 1 or more symptoms (see COVID-19 Testing box). If no symptoms, vaccinated/previously infected person should get tested 3-5 days after exposure.

Questions? Contact the school health room.

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