# Screening K12 Students/Staff for Symptoms of COVID-19

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**Students or Staff: Please complete this short check each morning before leaving for school.** Students or staff who are sick should not attend school in-person.

**Please check for the following Symptoms:**

- ☐ Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
- ☐ Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- ☐ New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

**Please also check for any Exposure:**

- ☐ Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person infected with COVID-19*, or
- ☐ Live in or traveled to a county where the SD-DOH is reporting **substantial spread** of COVID-19 cases
  - Visit the SD-DOH website at: https://doh.sd.gov/news/Coronavirus.aspx#SD
  - Check the level of community spread in the county where you live or plan to travel:
    - Use your cursor to hover over the county, or
    - Click on *Tables* to see the county list

**ORANGE Symptom** Alone = Exclusion for COVID-19 not necessary. Follow existing school policy.

**BLUE Exposure*** + **ORANGE Symptom** =

- Any individual with both symptom(s) AND exposure should contact their medical provider to discuss testing.
- Exclude individual while awaiting test result.
- If untested, exclude until 10 days after symptom onset AND 24 hours without fever AND 24 hours after symptoms improved.
- When exclusion occurs due to living in or traveling to a county with substantial spread: a student or staff may return to school with a medical doctor's note if symptom(s) are due to an illness other than COVID-19.

*Close Contacts that become symptomatic must still meet the 14-day quarantine period and cannot be released early with testing or note from a medical provider.

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