

Northwest Area School District Health Office Protocol
Questionnaire—(Include as part of Nursing Assessment) rev 11.4.20

Name: _____ Date: _____
Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Episodic Medical Information/Medical History/Seasonal and/or Environmental Allergies? (see attached NASD-PADOH symptom monitoring tool)

Within the past 14 days have you had close contact with someone who is currently sick with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 or someone with COVID-like symptoms? (Note: Close contact is defined as within 6ft. for more than 15 minutes, maybe cumulative)

Additional factors that may be considered when assessing close contacts include (cumulative 15 minutes):

- Being in extremely close proximity (e.g. face to face)
- Having a prolonged exposure time
- Infected person exhibiting symptoms
- Infected person generating respiratory aerosols (e.g. coughing, sneezing, shouting)
- Presence of environmental conditions (e.g. crowding, or being indoors)

Have you recently traveled out of the area and/or out of state?

******Please notify your child's nurse as soon as possible with your child's plan to return to school and update from contact with your child's health care provider******

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HEALTH OFFICE GUIDELINES 8.14.20

STUDENT/STAFF EXPERIENCING POSSIBLE COVID SYMPTOMS

Please send to nurse immediately

Nurse triages immediately for possible COVID—completes questionnaire/nursing assessment/symptom monitoring tool

Student/staff displays 1 or more symptoms from Group A (DOH Screening Tool) or 2 or more symptoms from Group B and/or concerning answers to questionnaire

NO

Continue with district protocols per Standing Orders and/or Treatment of Illness & Injury

YES

If not already, student/staff should be masked IMMEDIATELY
Isolate from other students immediately (isolation area)
Ensure safety of other students present in health room
Notify administration/parent or guardian/CSN
Notify PADOH for further direction @ 1-877-724-3258, possible contact tracing if warranted, consult school physician as necessary
Safely transport student/staff home

Instruct parent/guardian to contact Primary Care Provider (PCP) as soon as possible for possible evaluation and testing

Instruct parent/guardian to notify building nurse with test result, following all privacy rules/considerations, recommendations to additional family members who also attend school

Inform CSN/Administration, consult school physician as necessary



POSITIVE TEST



Home isolation per current CDC/PADOH guidelines

Inform CSN/administration, plan for education

May return to school per DOH as per most current criteria and return to school documentation per PCP

Obtain additional guidance/direction from DOH for possible student/staff exposure, assist with contact tracing process if requested



NEGATIVE TEST



Inform CSN/administration

Return to school after symptom resolution per district protocols

Or return to school with PCP documentation identifying another cause to illness



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Date: _____,

_____ was seen in the nurse's office today with possible COVID 19 symptoms (see attached PADOH symptom monitoring tool and nursing assessment/questionnaire). Please follow-up with your Healthcare Provider for further evaluation and instructions.

Pennsylvania guidelines recommend students with any symptoms should be sent home from school. Students **need to stay home** and self-quarantine for 10 days. Please contact your child's health care provider for further directions. For additional information, please see the PADOH website:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Symptoms-Testing.aspx>

The length of time students need to stay home will depend on the public health guidelines at the time for COVID-19. Once a student is excluded from the school environment, **he/she may return if one of the following conditions are met:**

- 1) **No COVID test**, experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19-- **not a close contact of positive case:**
 - At least 10 calendar days have passed *since symptoms first appeared* **and**
 - At least 24 hours have passed *since last fever* (without the use of fever-reducing medications) **and**
 - Symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)
 - Medical note may be required to document absences

- 2) **No COVID test**, experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, you seek medical attention for your child -- **not a close contact of positive case:**
 - Symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)
 - Note from your child's healthcare provider that your child has been seen and released to return to school (illness non-related to COVID)

- 3) **No COVID test**, no symptoms associated with COVID- **BUT identified as a close contact of positive case:**
 - Follow PADOH guidance throughout 14 day quarantine period (PADOH could deem additional quarantine period necessary if positive case is a household member)
 - At least 14 calendar days have passed *since last exposure to positive case* **and**
 - No symptoms



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4) COVID test completed and **negative--- experiencing symptoms--not a close contact of positive case:**

- At least 24 hours have passed *since last fever* (without the use of fever-reducing medications) **and**
- Symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)
- Note from your healthcare provider or per PADOH recommendations that you have been released to return to school/reported negative results

5) COVID test completed and **negative---experiencing symptoms AND identified as a close contact of positive case:**

- Follow PADOH guidance throughout your child's 14 day quarantine period if required per the PADOH (additional guidance per PADOH) **and**
- At least 10 calendar days have passed *since symptoms first appeared* **and**
- At least 24 hours have passed *since last fever* (without the use of fever-reducing medications) **and**
- Symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)

6) COVID test completed and **negative---experiencing NO symptoms BUT identified as a close contact of positive case:**

- Follow PADOH guidance throughout 14 day quarantine period (PADOH could deem additional quarantine period necessary if positive case is a household member)
- At least 14 calendar days have passed *since last exposure to positive case* **and**
- No symptoms

7) COVID test completed and **positive--- experiencing symptoms:**

- At least 10 calendar days have passed *since symptoms first appeared* **and**
- At least 24 hours have passed *since last fever* (without the use of fever-reducing medications) **and**
- Symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)
- Note from your healthcare provider or per PADOH recommendations that you have been released to return to school/reported positive results

Please contact the School Nurse with any questions@ 570-542-4126 ext 1113

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Northwest Area School District—PADOH

School Symptom Screening Tool (8.14.20)

Complete Daily Prior to School/Work*

Employee or Student Name:

Assigned Class/Group:

Temperature:

Are you/is the student taking any medication to treat or reduce a fever such as Ibuprofen (i.e. Advil, Motrin) or Acetaminophen (Tylenol)?

Are you/is the student experiencing any of the following?

Group A 1 or more symptoms	Group B 2 or more symptoms
Cough Shortness of breath Difficulty breathing New olfactory disorder New taste disorder	Fever (measured or subjective) Chills Rigors Myalgia Headache Sore throat Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea Fatigue Congestion or runny nose

Stay home if, you or the student:

- Have one or more symptoms in Group A **OR**
- Have two or more symptoms in Group B **OR**
- Are taking fever reducing medication.

**May be utilized as a screening tool for both at home and on-site screening practices.*