Handling Suspected, Presumptive or Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 Flow Chart & Protocol – Screening Flow Chart

Region 7: Chelan-Douglas, Grant, Kittitas, and Okanogan County Health Jurisdictions  References: WA DOH, CDC, StrongSchools NC
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COVID-19 SYMPTOMS
Class A
• Fever 100.4°F/38°C or higher
• Chills
• Cough
• Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
• New loss of taste or smell

Class B
• Fatigue
• Muscle or body aches
• Headache
• Sore throat
• Congestion or runny nose
• Nausea or vomiting
• Diarrhea

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS Known Exposure

Close Contact
• No Symptoms
• COVID-19 test is negative OR
• HCP makes an alternate diagnosis**

Stay home until 24 hours after fever resolves w/out fever reducing medications AND symptoms improve OR as directed by HCP.

COVID-19 Symptoms Known Exposure

• Only 1 Class B symptom is present AND resolves in 24 hours OR
• COVID-19 test is negative OR
• HCP makes an alternate diagnosis**

Stay home until 24 hours after fever resolves w/out fever reducing medications AND symptoms improve OR as directed by HCP.

COVID-19 Symptoms No Known Exposure

Screen for COVID-19

COVID-19 Symptoms

• Any Class A symptoms are present OR
• 2 or more Class B symptoms are present OR
• Any Class B symptom(s) are present for more than 24 hours OR
• A COVID-19 test is not done

Stay home for at least 10 days from the day symptoms started AND at least 24 hours after fever resolves w/out fever reducing medications AND symptoms improve.

No Symptoms

May Go To School

If asymptomatic, stay home 10 days after the date of positive COVID-19 test.

If symptomatic, stay home for at least 10 days after symptoms started AND at least 24 hours after fever resolves without fever reducing medications and symptoms improve.

Best: Stay home for 14 days from date of last exposure to positive case.
Better: Stay home for 10 days from date of last exposure to positive case.
OK: Stay home for 7 days from date of last exposure to positive case and get a negative COVID test on day 5 or later.

Mask must be worn at all times and symptoms monitored for a full 14 days when using shortened quarantine protocols.

If symptoms start, use “COVID-19 Symptoms Known Exposure” pathway.
If a positive test result use “Positive COVID-19 Test” pathway.

*Close Contact = less than 6 feet distance for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24 hr period to a person with COVID-19. For potential classroom exposures, physical distancing and face mask practices will be considered when determining quarantine.

** Examples of alternative diagnosis made by healthcare provider (HCP) include childhood rash illness, acute otitis media or lab confirmed diagnosis such as strep throat or non-COVID-19 viral pathogen. If testing for other viral pathogens, strongly recommend testing for COVID-19 as well.

When community transmission is high, symptomatic people with negative rapid tests, should be confirmed with PCR.