Student Symptom Decision Tree
Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure

Low-risk: general symptoms
- Fever (≥100.4°F)
- Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Fatigue/muscle or body aches

High-risk: red flag symptoms
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste/smell

Exposure to COVID-19 positive person?
Close contact: less than 6 feet, 15 minutes or longer

NO
1 low risk symptom
Send home
Return to school 24 hrs after symptom resolution (without fever reducing medication)

≥2 low risk symptoms
OR 1 high risk symptom
Send home
Consider an evaluation by health care provider

Health care provider confirms alternative diagnosis for symptoms.

Return to school after 24 hrs without fever and symptoms improving

YES
Stay home*
Return to school after 14 days from last contact, unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, perform SARS-CoV-2 PCR test.

*In consultation with Sacramento County Public Health

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This care pathway was designed to assist school personnel and is not intended to replace the clinician’s judgment or establish a protocol for all patients with a particular condition. Diagnosis and treatment should be under the close supervision of a qualified health care provider. Guidance might change.