

Sutton School Nurse Flowchart – Protocols for COVID-19 Related Return-to-School Scenarios (from DESE/MDPH Joint Statement 8/19/20)

Close contact to a person who tests positive for COVID-19

Must **self-quarantine for 14 days after the last exposure** to the person who tested positive; even if this CC tests negative, the CC must continue to self-quarantine for the full 14 days as COVID-19 may take up to 14 days to cause CC to be ill.

COVID-19 symptoms diagnosed as an *alternative diagnosis*

If a provider has documented an **alternative diagnosis**, the individual may return to school based on the recommendations for that alternative diagnosis (e.g., influenza or strep pharyngitis).

COVID-19 symptoms & *negative COVID-19 test results*

The individual may return when there is:

Improvement in symptoms

-AND-

No fever for more than 24 hours without fever reducing medications

COVID-19 symptoms but not tested for COVID-19

The individual may return to school **10 days from start of symptoms** if: Symptoms have improved

-AND-

No fever for more than 24 hours without fever reducing medications