DCS UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." PROV. 22:6 (ESV)

COVID UPDATES

When a student or staff member has a positive test result for COVID-19, the following criteria must be met in order for the student who tested positive along with any individual from the household, as well as any siblings to return to the DCS campus:
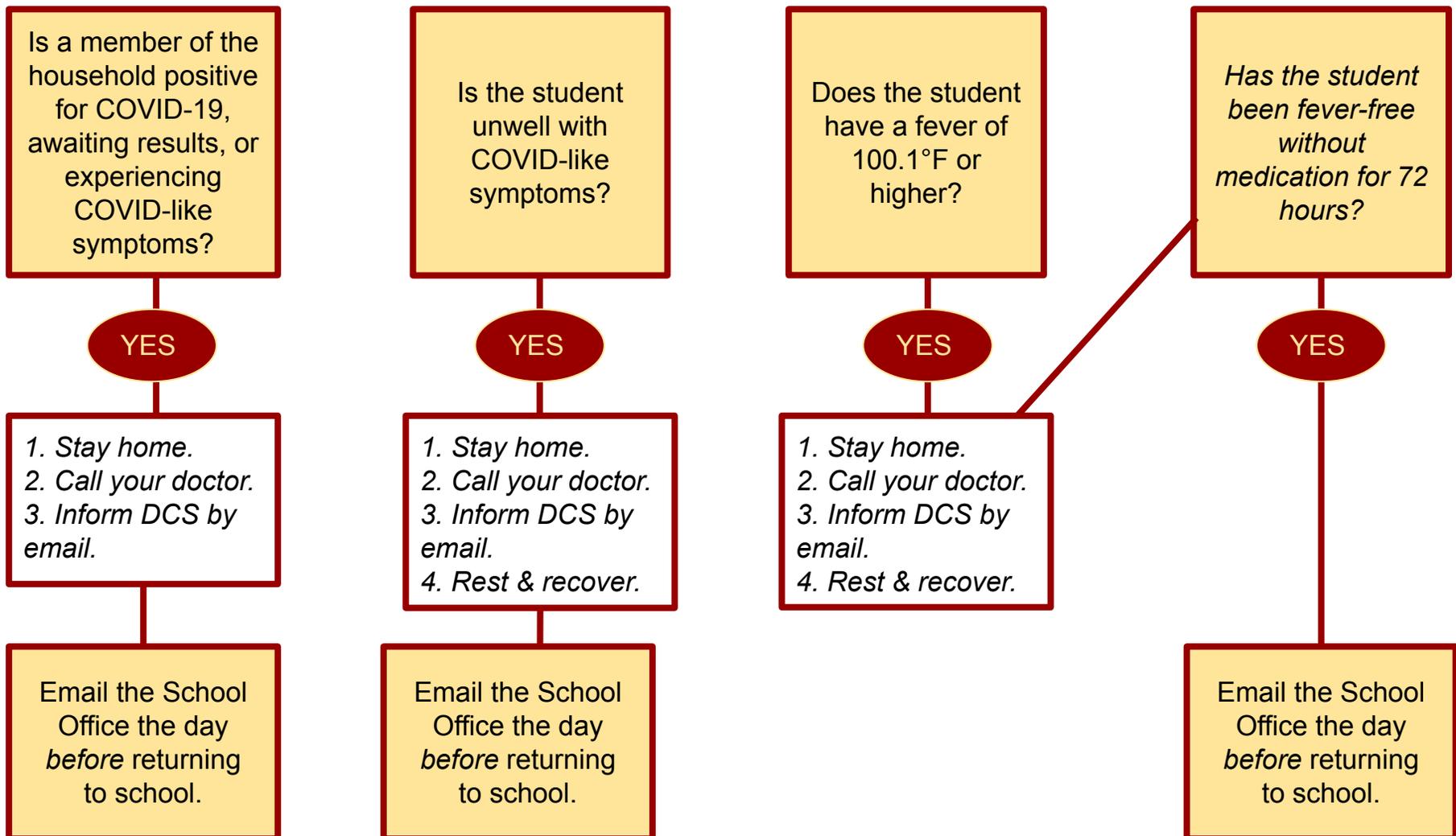
1. At least ten (10) days have passed since the date of the COVID-19 test that resulted in a positive test result.
2. Symptoms have been reduced (cough, shortness of breath, headache, etc).
3. At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery and the individual is no longer running fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

**Regardless of a negative test result, household members <u>MUST</u> quarantine ten days after the household positive test result.

**If a household contact has tested positive within the last 90 days, they can quarantine for seven (7) days and then test. Students can return with a negative test on the seventh day.

DECIDING WHEN TO STAY HOME

Parents agreeing and knowing when to keep children home from school is a very important part of keeping our campus healthy. To help, we have outlined key protocols to help families determine when a child should stay home.

Is a member of the household positive for COVID-19, awaiting results, or experiencing COVID-like symptoms?

YES

1. *Stay home.*
2. *Call your doctor.*
3. *Inform DCS by email.*

Email the School Office the day *before* returning to school.

Is the student unwell with COVID-like symptoms?

YES

1. *Stay home.*
2. *Call your doctor.*
3. *Inform DCS by email.*
4. *Rest & recover.*

Email the School Office the day *before* returning to school.

Does the student have a fever of 100.1°F or higher?

YES

1. *Stay home.*
2. *Call your doctor.*
3. *Inform DCS by email.*
4. *Rest & recover.*

Has the student been fever-free without medication for 72 hours?

YES

Email the School Office the day *before* returning to school.

WHEN TO RETURN

- Advise sick staff members and children not to return until they have met criteria for return.
- Students or staff excluded for these symptoms should not return until they have either tested negative for COVID-19 or a medical evaluation determines that their symptoms were more likely due to another cause (e.g. sore throat due to strep throat). In this later case, the individual can return when they meet criteria for that condition. Documentation will be required to return to school.
- Students or staff that require testing for COVID-19 will require a negative test (mouth or nose swab) or similar rapid test that directly detects the virus or must complete the current isolation criteria for COVID-19 to return to school.
- Current isolation criteria for COVID-19:
    - o Students who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate until:
        - Ten (10) days have passed since the date of the COVID-19 test that resulted in a positive test result - and –
        - Three (3) days (72 hours) have passed since last fever without taking medicine to reduce fever - and -
        - Overall improvement in symptoms.
    - o Students with symptoms of COVID-19 who do not get tested, should isolate until ten (10) days have passed since symptoms started. Additionally, bullet points two and three listed above must be met before returning to school.
    - o Those who test positive by a test but do not have symptoms will be required to stay out of school until ten (10) days after the specimen was collected.
    - o The criteria above should be used to determine eligibility to return to school. Negative test results are not required after meeting these criteria.

Source: CDC

Please be sure to monitor school communications for updates and additional information.