

The following symptoms may indicate a  
**SUSPECT CASE** of COVID-19.

Any ONE symptom:

- Cough (new or unexplained)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

Any TWO symptoms:

- Temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 F or chills
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose (new or unexplained)

**Suspect Case Protocol:**

- Symptomatic individual is isolated and sent home.
- Symptomatic individual should seek medical advice and obtain a COVID-19 test.
- May return to school with written attestation from parent or guardian that documents one of the following:
  - Tested Negative for COVID-19, has been fever free for 24 hours and symptoms improved (back to usual health).
  - Tested Positive for COVID-19 and has since met CDC/LPH guidelines for ending isolation.
  - Not tested, 10 days since symptoms first began and fever free for 24 hours and symptoms improved (back to usual health).

If student **does not meet the above criteria for a "Suspect Case"** and has not been in close contact in the last 14 days with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 or traveled outside Montana, the following protocol is followed:

- Symptomatic individual is isolated and sent home.
- If symptoms persist after 48 hours, advise symptomatic individual to seek medical advice and test if recommended by healthcare provider.
- May return to school if at least 24 hours has passed since the last fever (temperature greater than or equal to 100.4) without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Please contact the school nurse if you have questions on when your child may return to school following illness.