

## Parent Decision Making Flow Chart for student's attendance

Child **MAY NOT** attend school if you answer YES to any of these questions and if the symptoms are new or have gotten worse.

Your Child should be assessed by their pediatric healthcare provider if:

1. Your child traveled internationally or to a state that is on NYS Travel Advisory list.
2. Been designated as a contact of a person who tested positive for COVID 19 by a local health department.
3. Does your child currently have or has had in the last 10 days?
  - a. Temperature greater or equal to 100.0F
  - b. Feel feverish or have chills
  - c. Cough
  - d. LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL ( very indicative of COVID)
  - e. Fatigue. Feeling of tiredness
  - f. Sore throat
  - g. Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
  - h. Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
  - i. Muscle pain or body aches
  - j. Headaches
  - k. Nasal congestion/runny nose
4. In the past 10 days has your child been tested for the virus that causes COVID 19?

The Child must stay home till negative results are received by the school in the form of a written note from doctor or printed test results that have the student's name printed on it, and have improving symptoms and no fever for 24 hours.

**Covid testing should be done within 48 hours of the symptoms presenting themselves per New York Health Department, Dr. Mendoza and Dr. Tuite.**

### **Regarding Siblings of Ill Student:**

If a student wakes up and has a cough or fever and they have siblings, they can attend school if they do not have symptoms. The student with symptoms should then be tested. If they do not receive test results within 48 hours and the symptoms persist, siblings should than stay home until the test comes back for the symptoms.

If the symptom of the student is loss of taste or smell and a fever, MCDPH will be contacted by the school and it will be assumed they are positive for COVID. The student's siblings in this case should be kept home.

### **IF testing is Refused by parents:**

\*\* If testing is suggested to the parent and the parent refuses, the child will be *presumed* positive and must stay home for **10 days** and Child must be fever free for 72 hours without anti-pyretic.

\*\* The siblings must stay home for **14 days**.

If the doctor has an alternate diagnosis like, (strep, seasonal flu or allergies) and doesn't feel that a COVID test is not necessary, student may return to school with a doctor's note stating alternative diagnosis.

This information can be found in complete at NYDOH

Pre-K to Gr 12 COVID-19 Toolkit