

Procedures for Isolating Symptomatic Students or Staff

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If a student or staff member exhibit symptoms during the school day, follow these recommendations.

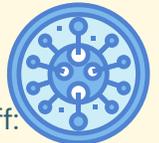
Symptoms to look for:

- Temperature of 100.4 or higher;
- Sore throat;
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing;
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; or
- New onset of severe headache, especially with fever



Additional evaluation for COVID-19 exposure

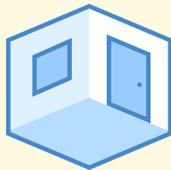
Assess whether symptomatic student/staff:



- Had close contact (within 6 ft. for at least 15 min.) with a person with confirmed COVID-19
- Traveled to or lived in an area where the local, Tribal, territorial, or state health department is reporting substantial spread of COVID-19 cases;
- For the latest information on community spread go to <https://doh.sd.gov/news/Coronavirus.aspx>

Have a separate isolation area

The Departments of Health and Education recommend each school have a separate area for students and staff who begin showing symptoms of COVID-19.



This area should be separate from the regular nurse's office or area.

Evaluate the symptomatic student/staff and take action per protocol

If students/staff are having symptoms alone and no associated exposure events, students/staff should follow current school exclusion policies.



Place a mask on the symptomatic person

Upon identification of symptoms, a mask should be placed on the symptomatic person and symptom control measures should be taken.



Possible COVID-19 Case

Any individual displaying COVID-19 symptoms as well as possible exposure criteria should be directed to contact their healthcare provider to determine whether testing for COVID-19 virus is appropriate.



Use proper protection

The individual staffing the area should wear appropriate protection (face mask, eye protection, gloves, etc.) as recommended by the CDC.



Cleaning & Disinfecting

Clean and disinfect affected areas regularly. CDC recommends waiting for 24 hours after a COVID-19 exposure event, before cleaning. Once an area is appropriately disinfected, it can be reopened for use.

