What to do if a STUDENT becomes sick at school or reports a new COVID-19 exposure

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Student(s) displays signs of illness consistent with COVID-19 or student reports to school having been exposed to COVID-19

Teacher or staff calls health suite to consult with designated DHHS School Health Services personnel (SHS) regarding students symptoms

SHS provides guidance to teacher/ staff if student should be sent to the health room or triage/ care room. Teacher/Staff excuses student from classroom as advised.

SHS notifies parent/ guardian that student is ill and takes student to designated area until transportation can be arranged to send the student home, or seek immediate medical attention.

Parent/Guardian picks up student. SHS advises parents to consult with their healthcare provider, or provides information on accessible COVID testing site.

SHS notifies the Montgomery County Department of Health to inform of possible COVID case.

Student NEGATIVE COVID-19 Test Result

Student returns to school following existing school illness management protocols

Student Positive COVID-19 Test Result or No Test Result

Student(s) is newly identified as having COVID-19

SHS works with teacher/ staff to identify close contacts of the student. SHS provides list of close contacts to school administrator and DHHS

School administrator notifies OTLS Director and MCPS contact tracing point of contacts via confidential COVID notification portal

School administrator works with DHHS to assess transmission levels and assist with contact tracing. DHHS advises on quarantine of students/ staff and room or school closure, if necessary.

School administrator/ SHS notifies identified close contacts to inform them of the need to quarantine for 14 days and recommend contacting their healthcare provider

School Administrator informs staff/students/ parents of positive COVID-19 case at the school.

Actions Following Notification and During Quarantine Period

School administrators work with DHHS and MCPS Office of Student and Family Support and Engagement to identify and secure any needs for staff/students/families in quarantine

Building Service staff deep clean classroom(s) and other areas where student positive for COVID-19 had contact. Windows are opened fully to increase air flow. Class is relocated to alternate classroom if needed.

Staff and students in quarantine may return to the school after meeting the criteria to end quarantine.