

The School District of Hendry County

School Health Guidelines for Exclusion

If you think that your child has an illness, that can be spread to others, please keep him or her home from school. Contact your health care provider for further assistance.

COVID-19 EXCLUSION GUIDANCE

Decision Tree for Symptomatic Persons

To protect the safety and health of students and staff, school officials will send home, or deny entry, any student, visitor or staff member with any symptoms of illness.

For symptoms consistent with COVID-19, please reference the exclusion criteria below to determine when individuals may return to the school.

Symptoms consistent with COVID-19 include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

IF...

Individual has been clinically evaluated

Received a laboratory test for COVID-19

POSITIVE RESULT: HCDH will provide instructions to the person and household contacts about when it is safe to return to work/school.

NEGATIVE RESULT: Stay home until fever has resolved and other symptoms have improved.

IF...

Individual has been clinically evaluated.

Alternate diagnosis or laboratory confirmed condition (e.g., norovirus, hand/foot/mouth)

FOLLOW: Provider directions, treatment, and return guidance before return to school.

IF...

Individual has NOT been clinically evaluated

Experiencing symptoms of COVID-19

STAY HOME: Until you have NO fever for at least 3 days AND improvement of other symptoms AND at least **10 days** have passed since your symptoms first appear.

Temporary exclusion is recommended when an illness compromises the health of other students and when a student can no longer participate comfortably in school activities.

Siblings and household members MUST also stay home for 14 days.

Exclusion Criteria Based Upon Signs and Symptoms:

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL IF HE/SHE HAS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ILLNESSES/SYMPTOMS:

Fever: Temperature of 100.0°F or Higher. Where there has not been a case of COVID in the school, students may return to school once they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducer medications (ex: Tylenol, Motrin). *IF there has been a case of COVID in the school, students may return to school once there are fever-free for 72 hours without the use of fever reducer medication (ex: Tylenol, Motrin)

Vomiting: Vomiting 2 or more times in the last 24 hours.

Diarrhea: Loose stools – 2 or more in the last 24 hours.



Additional conditions may meet criteria for exclusion and will be determined on a case by case basis by school health personnel.

Report your child's absence to their school and consult their healthcare provider.

The best protection from disease is PREVENTION!

*Do not send your child to school if anyone in your household is sick with COVID-19.

*If your child is exposed to COVID-19, do not send your child to school until their 14-day quarantine has ended.

*If your child becomes ill during the school day, the child must be picked up immediately. Make sure the school has updated phone numbers/contact information.

...wash hands frequently with soap and warm water...



...cough or sneeze into your sleeves

