

# COVID-19: Child/Staff Feels/Appears Unwell after Arriving at School



If the person has any of the following symptoms, immediately call 911  
Difficulty breathing, chest pain, new confusion, difficulty concentrating, bluish lips or face.

## Assess for any COVID-19-like symptoms

### MAJOR SYMPTOMS

- Feeling feverish, having chills, or
- Temperature of 100.4° F or greater
- Loss of taste or smell
- New or unexplained persistent cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

### MINOR SYMPTOMS

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting
- Diarrhea

Does this person have one or more of the COVID-19 symptoms listed above?

Yes

No

Are these symptoms of a new or worsening chronic condition, or is it accompanied by a new **Major** or **Minor** symptom?

Yes

No

1. Place a surgical mask on the student/staff if safe to do so
2. Assist the student to an area that is separate from others, but within adult line of sight.

All staff assisting ill individuals should wear appropriate COVID-19 PPE and perform frequent hand hygiene and disinfect all environmental surfaces once the person leaves an area.

1. Follow routine illness care
2. Return to class if appropriate. Alert teacher to monitor the student with heightened awareness.
3. Record visit in the usual manner.

What is your community level of COVID-19 transmission?

### Low/Minimal Levels of Community Transmission

Students/Staff with two or more Minor symptoms or one or more Major symptom

1. Call parents and send home. Send staff home.
2. If symptoms worsen or last longer than 48–72 hours, contact your doctor to see if a COVID-19 PCR test is indicated.
3. Follow COVID-19 [Return to School/Work](#) guidance.

### Sustained Community Transmission

or the ill person lived, worked or traveled to an area with sustained transmission

Students/Staff with one or more Major or Minor symptoms

1. Call parents to pick up ASAP. Send staff home.
2. Call your doctor and ask for a COVID PCR test within 24 hours, if indicated.
3. Follow COVID-19 [Return to School/Work](#) guidance.