COVID-19 Testing Guide For Students and Employees of PreK-12 Schools Located in Chicago

**Symptoms***

- Isolate immediately and Test for COVID-19. Remain isolated pending test result.

  - Positive†
    - Follow isolation guidance
  - Negative**
    - Return to school per guidance

**No symptoms**

- Close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19?

  - Yes
    - Test for COVID-19 5-9 days after last exposure. NOTE: Must complete 14-day quarantine even if negative.
      - Positive†
        - Follow isolation guidance
      - Negative**
        - Complete 14-day quarantine§
  - No
    - Quarantine for 14 days
    - Testing not required

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† A positive result on any viral test (antigen, rapid molecular or PCR) should be considered positive for public health purposes.

** The diagnostic viral testing landscape for COVID-19 is evolving rapidly. Clinicians should choose an appropriate test based on their clinical suspicion of COVID-19. Factors to consider include the sensitivity and turnaround time of the test, the clinical presentation, time since symptom onset, risk of exposure to COVID-19, underlying risk factors for severe COVID-19 and the risk of onward transmission. For example, if high clinical suspicion exists due to clinical appearance or risk factor (e.g. contact with a confirmed case), and an antigen or other rapid test is negative, healthcare providers may consider obtaining a PCR test.

§ Test again only if symptoms develop during the remaining quarantine period.