

# COVID-19 EXCLUSION GUIDANCE

## Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals at John A. Logan College

***Employees should contact JALC's Covid-19 Coordinator Kathleen Doty at covid19@jalc.edu*** if you have tested positive for Covid-19 or if **ANY** of the following symptoms are present: Fever (100.4°F) or higher, shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, headache.

In addition, some individuals (especially adults) may present with the following symptoms: congestion or runny nose, new loss of sense of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue, muscle or body aches.

Status	COVID-19 diagnostic test Positive (confirmed case) OR COVID-19 diagnosis without diagnostic testing (probable case)	Symptomatic individual with a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test <sup>2</sup> <i>(Negative COVID-19 diagnostic test must be from a specimen collected 48 hours prior to or after symptom onset.)</i>	Symptomatic individual with an alternative diagnosis without negative COVID-19 diagnostic test <sup>2</sup>	Symptomatic individual without diagnostic testing or clinical evaluation	Asymptomatic individual who has been contacted by the Local Health Department as a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case.	Asymptomatic individual who is a close contact to a confirmed OR possible COVID-19 case, who has not been contacted by the health department but chooses to self-isolate.
Evaluated by Healthcare Provider?	YES	YES / NO	YES	NO	NO	N/A
Return to School Guidance <sup>3</sup>	<u>Stay home</u> at least ten <sup>1</sup> calendar days from onset of symptoms <b>AND</b> for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) <b>AND</b> improvement of <b>respiratory</b> symptoms. <sup>3</sup>	<u>Stay home</u> until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for the diagnosed condition. Follow provider directions, recommended treatment, and return to school guidance. <sup>3</sup>	<u>Stay home</u> until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for the diagnosed condition. Follow provider directions, recommended treatment, and return to school guidance. <sup>3</sup>	<u>Stay home</u> at least 10 <sup>1</sup> calendar days from onset of symptoms <b>AND</b> for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) <b>AND</b> improvement of respiratory symptoms. <sup>3</sup>	<u>Follow</u> directions received by the Local Health Department.	<u>Stay home</u> for 14 calendar days after the last exposure to the COVID-19 case or suspected exposure. If COVID-19 illness develops, use the 10-day isolation period <sup>1</sup> guidance for a COVID-19 case from the onset date. Testing may be recommended. <sup>3</sup>
Quarantine for Close Contacts?	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Documentation Required to Return to School.	'Release from Isolation' letter issued by the Local Health Department and provided to the parent/guardian or individual.	'Healthcare Provider's note with alternative diagnosis <b>and</b> negative COVID-19 test result.	Healthcare Provider's note with alternative diagnosis, stating it is okay, to return to activities.	No documentation is mandated unless there has been an evaluation by a medical professional.	'Release from Isolation' letter issued by the Local Health Department and provided to the parent/guardian or individual.	No documentation is mandated unless there has been an evaluation by a medical professional.

1 Severely immunocompromised or severely ill: may need to isolate for 20 days as per guidance from an individual's infectious disease physician.  
 2 If individuals have been identified by public health for quarantine or know they are a close contact to a case, the 14-calendar-day quarantine must be completed.  
 3 Return to school guidance as recommended by the CDC and IDPH Guidelines.