

HEALTH PROTOCOLS FOR RESPONDING TO CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED COVID-19

The intent of this document is to provide an overview of Greens Farms Academy's approach to confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases on campus. Our protocols will continue to evolve as more specific guidance from the Westport/Weston Health District and Connecticut State Department of Health becomes available.

Protocols Overview: With the science on COVID-19 evolving every day, we anticipate these protocols will be refined over the course of the coming weeks. As written, our protocols are based on current CDC guidelines and local and state public health authorities. In addition, we have been consulting regularly with several healthcare experts in our community.

All families are encouraged to monitor for symptoms daily.

The single most important step to take if any symptoms¹ of COVID-19 are evident is to STAY HOME. Our collective health relies, in part, on individual attention and responsibility. Note that some symptoms of COVID-19 are the same as the flu or a cold; please do not assume it is another condition. WHEN IN DOUBT, STAY HOME.

In contrast, if an individual is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, home isolation will be required until the individual is recovered. Clearance to return to school would be based on a combination of factors: time since the first appearance of symptoms, time without fever, clinical improvements, and guidance from the individual's physician. Our practice in this area will be guided by the local and state health authorities.

- If any GFA faculty or staff member or student should become symptomatic during the school day, they will be sent to the isolation room which will be staffed by school personnel and be required to leave campus as soon as possible.
- Any symptomatic community member will then be directed to follow up with their physician.
- If the community member is tested, any positive result for a COVID-19 test will be reported immediately to the school, and we will then employ our reporting protocol to the Westport/Weston Health District as mandated by the Town and the State.

¹ COVID-19 symptoms range from asymptomatic to a combination of one or more of the following symptoms: fever (100 degrees F or greater) or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

- Any community member with a confirmed case of COVID-19 will isolate at home and follow the direction of their physician and the protocols of the local and regional health departments.
- A communication will be sent to families whose students have been in close contact with a positive case, notifying them that a positive case has been identified, without naming the individual student (or faculty/staff member), and that testing is recommended.
- In instances of multiple cases of confirmed COVID-19 in the school at one time, or if there are a series of single cases in a short time span, school leaders will work the Westport Weston Health Department and the State to assist them in their determination of whether it is likely that there is transmission happening at the school.

Suspected case of COVID-19 on campus

If an individual presents with at least one COVID-19 symptom during the school day:

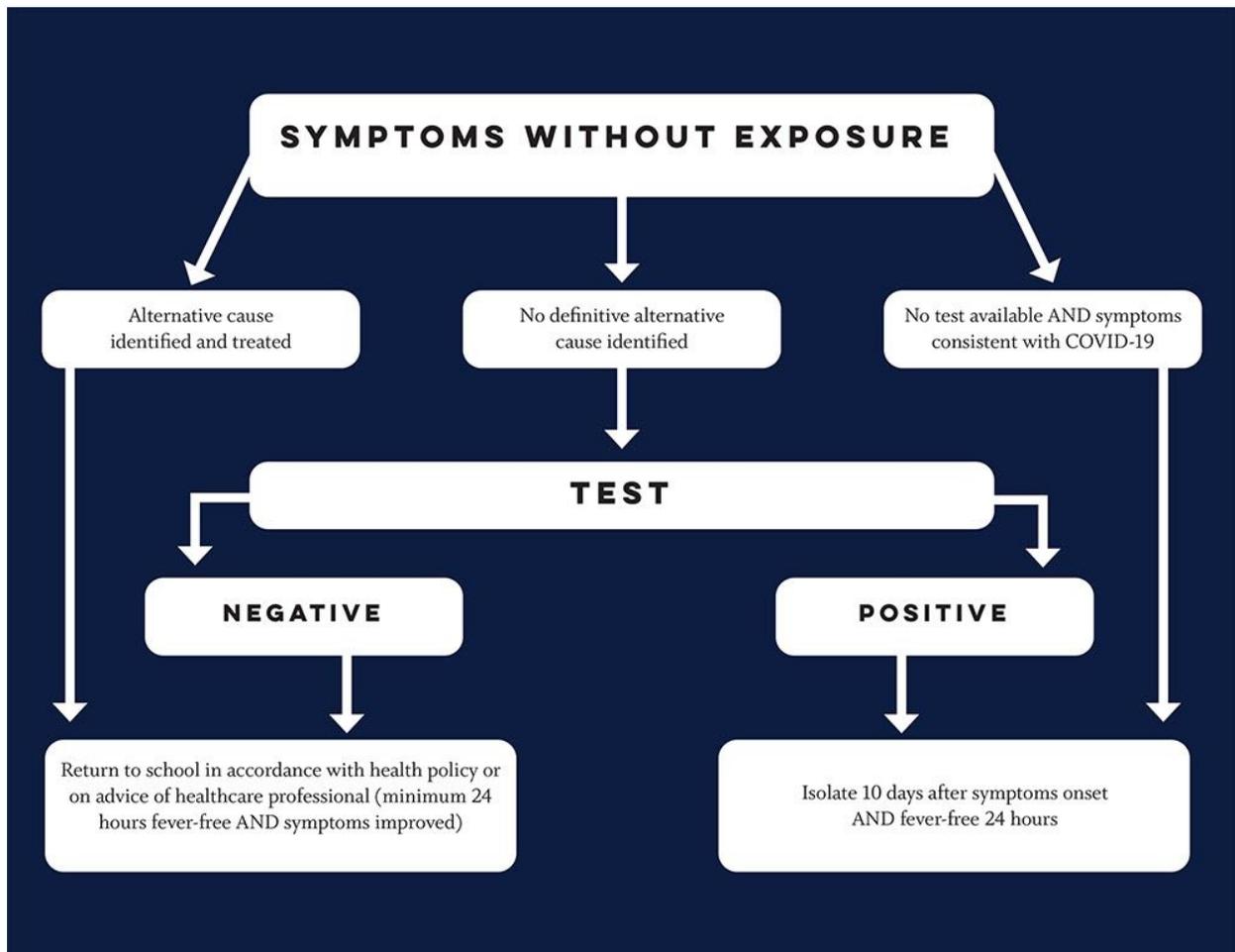
- The individual will be instructed to keep their face covering in place (unless there is a medical reason not to do so).
- The individual will visit with the school nurse for an evaluation of symptoms.
- In light of the risks presented by COVID-19 and in the interest of the health and safety of students their families, and GFA's faculty and staff, if the student presents with one or more symptoms of COVID-19 and there is no definitive, alternative cause immediately identifiable, the nurse will act with caution and treat as a suspected case of COVID-19.
- The individual will be placed in an isolated area, under the supervision of an adult wearing PPE and remaining six feet away, while waiting to leave campus.
- An isolation room has been prepared near the nurse's existing office space.
- The parents will be notified and must pick up their child within 60 minutes.
- Parents will be asked to consult with their primary healthcare provider for further diagnosis and testing.
- Parents or caregivers and all school employees must immediately notify the school if they or if a member of their household is diagnosed with or is presumed to have COVID-19.

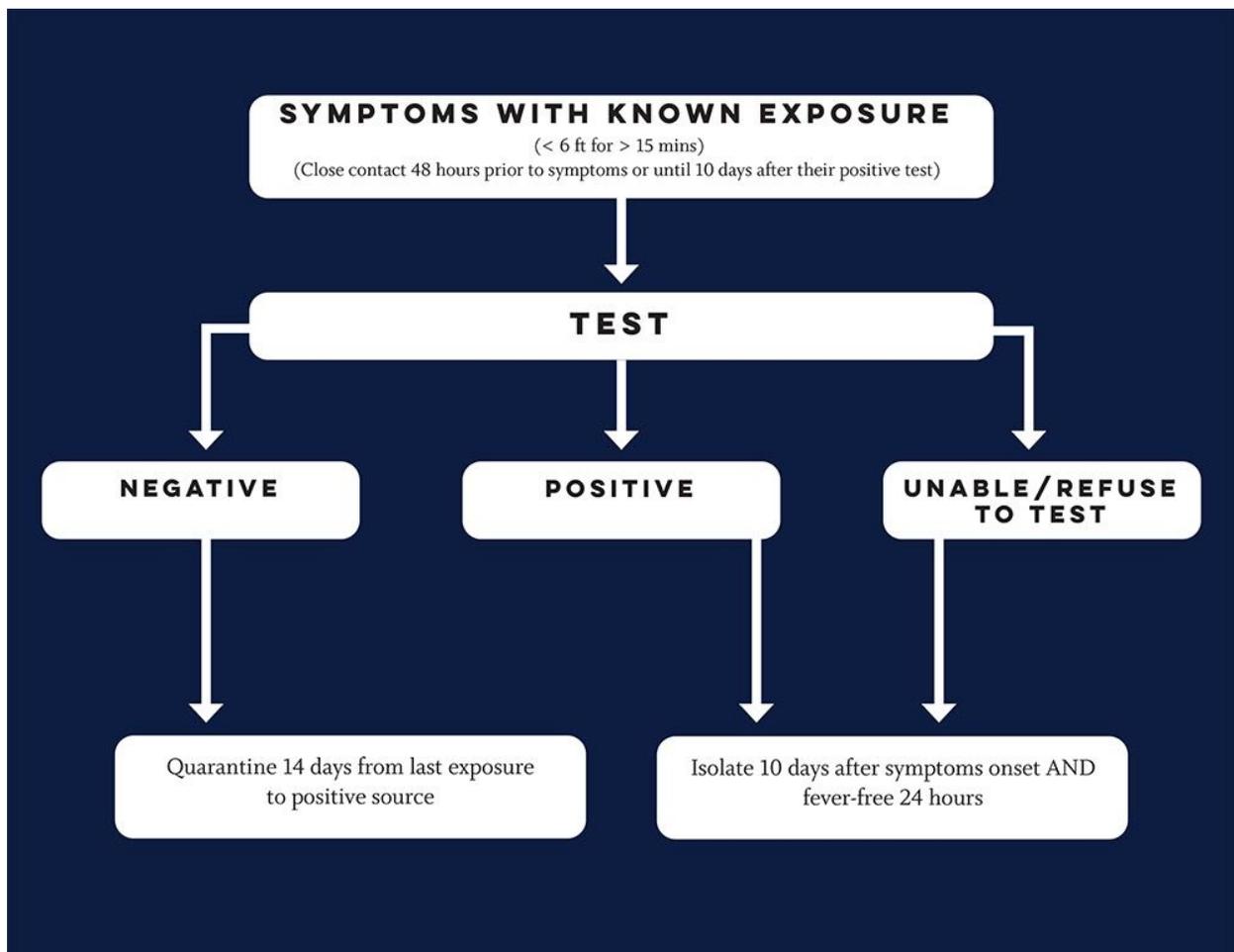
Assessment of illness in children

The flow charts [on the following page](#) represent a simplified guide to actions that will be advised by the nurse in the event a student presents with one or more symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

Parents are asked to notify school as soon as test results are available.

Flowcharts to guide action in the event of child illness





Who will need to quarantine or isolate?

Students in the class of a confirmed source (determined by a positive test result or assessment of a healthcare provider) will be assumed to have been in close contact with the student (or faculty/staff member), and quarantine protocols will be followed accordingly.

In addition to students in the source's class (most relevant for lower school, where cohorts can be maintained), the school will identify other close contacts, based on assigned seating charts in subject classes, and scheduled or known activities in which the source has participated. All close contacts will be required to quarantine.

The following table provides a guide to the approach that will be taken.

| WHAT SYMPTOMS ARE EXHIBITED?  | WHAT WAS THE EXPOSURE? | |
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| | Known close contact exposure (Source < 6 ft for > 15 mins. Close contact 48 hrs prior to source's symptoms or up to 10 days after their positive test) e.g. sibling/household contact, child in same "cohort" or classroom | No close contact exposure (Source > 6 ft or < 15 mins) e.g. passed in hallway, child in different classroom |
| Asymptomatic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine 14 days² & monitor for symptoms Test on initial identification, if possible, OR test if symptoms develop | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor for symptoms |
| Symptoms of COVID-19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isolate patient Consider alternative diagnoses Test for COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If negative: continue quarantine 14 days from last exposure If positive: isolate until at least 24 hours fever free and 10 days after the onset of symptoms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay home from school while ill and consult with your healthcare provider to consider alternative diagnoses Test for COVID-19 if no alternative diagnosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If negative: return to school once recovered (24 hours fever free and symptoms improved, or on advice of healthcare professional) If positive: isolate until at least 24 hours fever free and 10 days after the onset of symptoms If NOT tested and symptoms are consistent with COVID-19, isolate 10 days from symptom onset and 24 hours fever free |

² If an asymptomatic QUARANTINED patient develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19 at any time during quarantine, the patient should then begin the 10 days of ISOLATION