COVID-19 School Exclusion Flowchart

1. **Child/staff becomes ill at school**
   - Place mask on individual and send home. Recommend testing.
   - **Known exposure?**
     - Yes
     - No
       - **Have symptoms resolved for 24 hours without medication, or according to school policies (whichever is more strict)?**
         - Yes
           - Offer alternative learning/working arrangements if symptoms are mild enough for participation
         - No
           - 2. **Child/staff tests positive**
             - Exclude case from school for 10 days, offering alternative learning/working arrangements if symptoms permit.
             - Has symptoms?
               - Yes
                 - 24 hours fever free without medication AND symptoms improving AND isolation orders lifted
               - No
                 - No symptoms have developed AND isolation order has been lifted
             - Return to school
             - **Assist contact tracers with identifying close contacts in school environment**
             - **Clean and disinfect all areas used by the infected individual**
             - **Work with Department of Health to determine whether school closure is needed**
               - Yes
                 - Thorough cleaning of entire facility
               - No
                 - 3. **Child/staff identified as a close contact** of a positive case and given quarantine orders
                   - Place mask on individual and send home. Recommend testing.
                   - **Advise parents/staff that health department will quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure to the positive case**
                   - **Have symptoms developed during/after 14 day quarantine?**
                     - Yes
                       - Have symptoms developed during/after 14 day quarantine?
                     - No
                       - Return to school

1. A **close contact** is a person who was within 6 feet of a positive case for 15 minutes or more, starting 2 days before the positive test or 2 days before the onset of symptoms. A close contact may also be someone who provided care at home to someone who was sick with COVID-19 or someone who had direct physical contact (touching/hugging/kissing) with an infected person and/or a person with whom the infected person shared drinking or eating utensils.

2. **Known exposure** means close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19, travel to an area reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases, and/or living in an area with high community transmission.

Note that individuals may not “test out” of isolation/quarantine; i.e., a negative test following a positive test does not shorten isolation/quarantine time.