STAFF AND STUDENT SYMPTOM AND EXPOSURE GUIDE (COVID-19)

INDEPENDENCE MISSION SCHOOLS

	DIRECTIVE	NEXT STEPS	WHEN IS RETURN TO SCHOOL PERMITTED?
COVID-like SYMPTOMS ➡ At least **ONE** of these symptoms - New or persistent cough - Shortness of breath - New loss of sense of smell - New loss of sense of taste **OR** At least **TWO** of these: - Fever - Chills - Muscle pain - Headache - Sore throat - Nausea/vomiting - Diarrhea - Fatigue - Congestion/runny nose	**Stay Home.** - stay home and away from others. - Notify the school immediately *Already at School?* **Staff** - Go home immediately. If waiting for a ride, report to isolation room. **Students** - Report to isolation room. Student must go home with parent/guardian.	**- Get COVID tested and/or assessed by a healthcare provider.** **- Attend school/work remotely if possible and well enough to do so.** **- Staff may apply for leave in accordance with policy, contact HR if needed.**	- If test positive: see **POSITIVE COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS** below. **OR** - **Provide Medical Documentation** - a healthcare provider has evaluated the individual and documented an alternative diagnosis and individual may return to school based on healthcare provider's documentation **OR** - COVID-19 testing result was negative and symptoms resolve and meets normal return to school criteria after an illness (if not exposed) OR upon completing 14 days of quarantine (if exposed).
POSITIVE COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS ➡	**Stay Home.** - stay home and away from others. - Notify the school immediately	**- Follow up with medical professionals as needed.** **- Attend school/work remotely if possible and well enough to do so.** **- Staff may apply for leave in accordance with policy, contact HR if needed.**	Can return to school at least 10 days after onset of symptoms AND 1 day without fever, off fever reducing medicines AND symptoms improving. Call PDPH at 215-685-5488.
COVID-19 EXPOSURE ➡ Close contact with someone symptomatic or diagnosed with COVID-19 Spending a total of 15 minutes, less than 6 feet apart from someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 starting from 48 hours prior to that person developing symptoms.	**Stay Home.** QUARANTINE for 14 days. Stay home & away from others **Self-monitor.** - Check for Covid-like illness	**-Seek medical attention if necessary.** **- Attend school/work remotely if possible and well enough to do so.** **- Staff may apply for leave in accordance with policy, contact HR if needed**	-If test results are NEGATIVE Can return to school once 14-day quarantine period is over & meets other return to school criteria for after an illness. **OR** - May return to school if COVID-19 diagnosis is ruled out for symptomatic close contact. **OR** - Can return to school 14 days after last day of exposure **(if exposure was in household, must quarantine for 14 days from when COVID-19 positive individual ends their 10 day isolation)**