COVID-19 SCREENING BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

- Assess for COVID-19 in all children with symptoms of COVID-19 with or without exposure (see symptoms below).
- When a patient is tested for COVID-19, they MUST QUARANTINE from others until results back and interpreted.
- Rapid antigen tests are more sensitive for delta variant than previous variants as delta leads to much higher viral loads. Rapid antigen tests are acceptable in symptomatic patients who HAVE NOT BEEN EXPOSED if PCR not readily available. For symptomatic patients who HAVE BEEN EXPOSED and have a negative antigen test, send PCR to confirm.
- COVID-19 exposure: FULLY VACCINATED- Don’t have to quarantine. Mask when indoors x 14 days. Monitor for symptoms. Recommend test at 3-5 days AND if symptomatic.
- UNVACCINATED/ NOT FULLY VACCINATED - Quarantine for 10 days after LAST contact. Test immediately and at 5-7 days after exposure, BUT NEGATIVE TEST WILL NOT CHANGE the length of quarantine for asymptomatic contacts. EXCEPTION: If exposed at school and 2 kids both CORRECTLY MASKED w/in 3-6 feet do not have to quarantine.
- LOSS OF TASTE/SMELL- sensitive indicator of COVID-19 if acute, if severe rhinorrhea not present, and if COVID-19 in high prevalence. ISOLATE x 10 DAYS regardless of test results.

**SYMPTOMS SUGGESTIVE OF COVID-19**
Fever (subjective or above 99.9), chills, cough, breathing problems, loss of taste/smell, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, sore throat, headache, muscle aches and congestion/runny nose. Any single symptom could be suggestive of COVID-19 EXCEPT runny nose. Runny nose alone is low risk for COVID-19.

COVID Rapid Antigen test, PCR and/or strep, flu, RSV, etc as clinically indicated

**NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST**
*If exposed, must send COVID PCR to confirm negative Antigen.

**NOT LIKELY COVID-19**
Return to school only after temp <100 without fever reducing medications x over 24 hours and symptoms improving.
*Will need a note to return*

**COVID-19 LESS LIKELY. WOULD STILL CONSIDER COVID-19 IN HIGH PREVALENCE AREAS.**
Can go back to school or daycare based on CDC criteria for other illness identified. At least when temp under 100 for more than 24 hours and symptoms improved.
*Will need note explaining why no COVID test to go back.*

**ALTERNATIVE PATHOGEN DETECTED (AND PATIENT WITH CLASSIC SYMPTOMS AND EXAM FINDINGS)**

**POSITIVE COVID TEST**
(either PCR or Antigen)
***Notify ADPH***

**POSSIBLE OR CONFIRMED COVID-19**
Duration of isolation: At least 10 days from onset of symptoms AND temp <100 x 24 hours without fever reducing medications AND improving symptoms.
*Quarantine household contacts who are not fully vaccinated for 10 days from last contact with COVID + patient. (If caregiver or household contacts unable to tolerate from this patient, this time must start from the end of isolation of the COVID + patient).

**CLINICALLY NOT COVID-19**
Can go back to school or daycare if minimal runny nose/congestion or if non-infectious diagnosis (allergies, GERD, etc).
**Will need a note from primary care provider to go back**

**TEST UNAVAILABLE**