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In an effort to protect all students and staff, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LAC DPH) is providing additional guidance and recommendations to supplement our [Symptom Guidance for Education Settings](#). This flyer aims to help both parents and staff determine when a child should attend school. It is important that any student or staff with a possible communicable disease stay home. In addition to the symptom guidance, LAC DPH has the recommendations listed below.

- If parents are unsure whether their child's symptoms are mild or worse than mild, it is best to err on the side of caution and keep the child home for the day.
- When a child presents symptoms consistent with acute respiratory illness (such as sore throat, fever, congestion, runny nose, or fatigue) we strongly recommend that the child be tested for COVID-19 before returning to school.
- For children with symptoms of conjunctivitis ("pink eye"), if there is significant yellow or mucus discharge, or if the eye is watery to the point that it needs to be frequently wiped or cleaned, and it affects their ability to see or participate in school, that child should stay at home until symptoms improve.
- Children with fevers should not return to school until their fever resolves overnight without the use of fever-reducing medications such as Tylenol, Advil, or Motrin.
- Children who have a rash and history of exposure to measles, chickenpox, or another infectious disease associated with a rash should be excluded from school until cleared by a medical provider.
- During an outbreak of any disease, LAC DPH may provide further guidance for when students may return to school.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that getting updated flu and COVID vaccines, washing hands frequently, and wearing well-fitting high filtration masks when around others if symptomatic are effective tools for reducing disease transmission and serious illness, especially during the fall and winter respiratory virus season.