BCES

COVID 19 Return to School Protocol

- 1. If a person's symptoms are diagnosed as a chronic condition with unchanged symptoms, or a laboratory confirmed acute illness (for examples: laboratory confirmed influenza, strep throat) **AND COVID 19** is not suspected they can return to school if:
 - a. They have been fever free, without using fever-reducing medicines, and they have felt well for 24 hours.
 - b. They have a healthcare provider written note stating they have been diagnosed with a chronic condition **OR** a healthcare provider note explaining alternate diagnosis and are clear to return to school.
- 2. If a person **HAS BEEN evaluated for** COVID-19 or MIS-C by a healthcare provider based on a COVID-19 or MIS-C symptoms, or has any COVID-19 or MIS-C symptoms that **have not been diagnosed by a health care provider as a chronic condition**, they should not be at school and should stay at home until:
 - a. They have symptom resolution, and they present with a health care provider written note stating they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are cleared to return to school.
 - b. They have declined testing and/or medical care provider follow up but have symptom resolution and have stayed home for 10 days since the date of first symptom and is fever free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines.
- 3. If a person **IS diagnosed** with COVID-19 or MIS-C from a positive test result, they should not be at school and should stay at home (in isolation and away from others) until:
 - a. It has been at least ten days since they had their first symptoms.
 - b. It has been at least 72 hours since they have had a fever (without using fever reducing medications)
 - c. They present with a health care provider written note stating they are cleared to return to school.
 - (While student is in isolation, all members of the household must quarantine at home until released by the local health department, typically 14 days) Repeat negative COVID test not required.