**School Guidance**

Any new **cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste/smell**, fever (> 100.4F), congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, sore throat, headache, muscle/body aches, or exposure to COVID-19 positive person?

Low Risk symptoms are those not in bold.

High Risk symptoms are those in **bold** (cough, difficulty breathing and loss of taste or smell).

If a child has **1 low risk symptom**, and no known exposure to COVID-19, the child can return to school 24 hours after the symptom has resolved. (Without fever reducing medications)

If a child has **>2 low-risk symptoms**, **OR** **1 high risk symptom**, **and** no known exposure – the child needs to be evaluated by a Healthcare Provider.

If the child has a COVID-19 diagnostic test swab, and the result is negative, the child can return to school 24 hours after the fever has resolved, and their symptoms are improving.

If the child has lab testing and evaluation, and an alternative diagnosis is likely (flu/strep), the child can return to school 24 hours after the fever has resolved, and their symptoms are improving.

If the child has a COVID-19 diagnostic test swab, and the result is POSITIVE – the child can return to school with approval from the Benton County Health Department (typically 10-14 days) **AND** after 24 hours of being fever free (without fever reducing medication) **AND** symptoms are improving.

If the child does not have symptoms, but has been exposed to a COVID-19 positive patient, the child can return to school after 14 days from the last date of exposure to the COVID-19 positive patient, UNLESS symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, call your Healthcare Provider for a diagnostic test swab.