



The Road Back

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**Update to Conditions of Learning, Health and Safety
Critical Area of Operation #5:
Screening, PPE, and Response to Students and Staff Presenting Symptoms,
“Additional Considerations”**

On page 26 of “The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education” the NJDOE provides “Additional Considerations” for students and employees that may be asked to leave or not come into school if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19, based on CDC guidance, that is not otherwise explained. These symptoms include:

- A fever of 100° F or greater
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

CDC guidance for [Childcare](#) is referenced in this section regarding screening of students upon arrival. The guidance states: **Persons who have a fever of 100.4⁰ (38.0°C) or higher, or other signs of illness, should not be admitted to the facility. Encourage parents to be on the alert for signs of illness in their children and to keep them home when they are sick. Screen children upon arrival, if possible. This list does not include all possible symptoms of COVID-19.**

Therefore, based on CDC guidance our plan should reflect a fever of 100.4 or greater, not 100° for screening purposes.