

# COVID-19 Quarantine Guidance Flowchart

K-12 schools

**Close Contact**  
Are you staff or a student?

**STAFF**

Are you vaccinated?



**NO**

Quarantine for 10 days and seek testing.\*



**YES**

Do you have symptoms?



**NO**

Get tested 2-5 days after exposure. You do not need to quarantine, but you must wear a mask until your test results come back. Isolate if test is positive.



**YES**

Get tested. Stay home until test results come back and 24 hours have passed since symptoms resolved. Isolate if test is positive.

**STUDENT**

Are you vaccinated?



**NO**

What was the distance between you and the positive case?



**LESS THAN 3 FT.**

Quarantine for 10 days and seek testing.\*



**BETWEEN 3-6 FT.**

Were both students wearing masks consistently and correctly?



**NO**

Quarantine for 10 days and seek testing.\*



**YES**

Do you have symptoms?



**NO**

You are excluded from quarantine and testing.



**YES**

Get tested. Stay home until test results come back and 24 hours have passed since symptoms resolved. Isolate if test is positive.



**NO**

If you were between 3-6 ft. of an infected person and both masked, no action is needed. If you were closer or either was unmasked, wear a mask and get tested 2-5 days after exposure.



\* Quarantine can end 10 days after exposure if no symptoms develop with careful daily monitoring. Continue to monitor for a full 14 days. Quarantine can end after 7 days if the person does not develop symptoms and tests negative 5 days after exposure or later. All activities can be resumed on Day 8 with a negative test.

A person is considered a close contact if they were within 6 ft of an infectious person for 15 consecutive minutes or more in an indoor school setting with or without a mask.

**EXCEPTION:** In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.<sup>1</sup>