

## K-12 School COVID Student Close Contact<sup>1</sup> Follow-up Steps (Version: August 4, 2021)

What is the Vaccination Status of the K-12 Student Who is a Close Contact to a Case in a School

K-12 Close Contact is Fully Vaccinated<sup>2</sup>

K-12 Close Contact is NOT Fully Vaccinated<sup>2</sup>

Is fully vaccinated close contact experiencing or reporting symptoms<sup>3</sup>?

Is unvaccinated close contact experiencing or reporting symptoms<sup>3</sup>?

**No** - Not experiencing COVID symptoms<sup>3</sup>

**Yes** - Close contact is experiencing COVID symptoms<sup>3</sup> within 14 days of last date of exposure

**No** – Not experiencing symptoms. If close contact is not symptomatic<sup>3</sup>, when exposure occurred: Was the case wearing a mask? Was the close contact wearing a mask?

Student does not need to quarantine at home and may self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after exposure. Testing is still recommended 3-5 days after close contact.

If COVID symptoms appear within 14 days of exposure

**Both case AND** close contact were wearing a mask at a K-12 school setting

At least one person (case or close contact) was **NOT** wearing a mask while at K-12 school

Student who is a close contact may continue attending school for in-person instruction<sup>4</sup> as long as student:

- Remains symptom-free **AND**
- Continues to mask appropriately **AND**
- Gets tested 2 times/week during 10-day quarantine (Recommend testing immediately after exposure notification and then 3 days apart) **AND**
- Continues to quarantine for 10 days from extracurricular activities at school, including sports and activities within community setting. However, may resume the extracurricular and community activities after Day 7 if a test<sup>5</sup> collected after Day 5 is negative.

Student who is a close contact must quarantine at home (*i.e.* cannot attend school for in-person instruction) until one of these two criteria are satisfied:

1. Home quarantine can end after Day 10 (from date of last exposure) if student remains asymptomatic

**OR**

2. Home quarantine can end after Day 7 if a test<sup>5</sup> collected after Day 5 (from last date of exposure) is negative for COVID

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- **Isolate at home right away**
- **Inform health care provider**
- **COVID testing<sup>5</sup> recommended**

### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Within 0-6 feet of a case for more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period.

<sup>2</sup> At least 2 weeks have passed since completion of a 1-dose or 2-dose COVID vaccine series

<sup>3</sup> CDC COVID symptoms list: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

<sup>4</sup> Modified quarantine may be used when the exposure occurred in a school setting supervised by school staff, *e.g.* school bus, indoors, or outdoors. The case could be a teacher, other school staff, or another student. The close contact may participate in all instructional components of school, including eating meals on campus following guidance. May not perform other activities where a mask cannot be worn, such as playing certain musical instruments.

<sup>5</sup> If asymptomatic, any FDA-approved test (PCR or antigen) may be used but PCR is preferred. Testing of asymptomatic close contacts may occur at school, healthcare facility, or other locations supervised by school or health care personnel. At-home testing is not recommended to determine close contact's quarantine status.

<sup>6</sup> If a close contact is symptomatic, a negative test result from an antigen or molecular point-of-care or at-home test should be confirmed with a laboratory-based PCR test.