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?

YES
Do you have symptoms?

LESS THAN 3 FT.
Quarantine for 10 days and seek testing.*

BETWEEN 3-6 FT.
Were both students wearing masks consistently and correctly?

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.

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.

* 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.[1]