

COVID-19 Quarantine Guidance Flowchart

K-12 schools

Close Contact
Are you staff or a student?

STAFF

Are you vaccinated*?



NO

Quarantine for 5 days, mask for another 5 and seek testing.
OR
Participate in TTS program if available.¹



NO

Get tested 5 days after exposure. You don't need to quarantine but wear a mask around others. Isolate if test is positive.

YES

Do you have symptoms?



YES

Get tested and stay home until symptoms have resolved for 24 hours. Isolate if test is positive.

STUDENT

Are you vaccinated*?



NO

What was the distance between you and the positive student case?



LESS THAN 3 FT.

Quarantine for 5 days, mask for another 5 and seek testing.
OR
Participate in TTS program if available.¹

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



NO

Quarantine for 5 days, mask for another 5 and seek testing.

YES

Do you have symptoms?



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 5 days after exposure.

YES

Do you have symptoms?



NO

You are excluded from quarantine and testing.

YES

Get tested and stay home until 24 hours have passed since symptoms resolved. Isolate if test is positive.

* **Vaccinated** This means You are ages 18 or older and have received all [recommended vaccine doses](#), including [boosters](#) and [additional primary shots](#) for some immunocompromised people. You are ages 5-17 years and completed the [primary series](#) of COVID-19 vaccines. You had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (you tested positive using a [viral test](#)).¹

¹ **TTS**, or Test-to-Stay, is limited to asymptomatic unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students and staff with in-school exposures where exposure occurred during periods of masking. The 1st test should be within 2-4 days after exposure. The 2nd test should be within 5-7 days after exposure. Only available at participating schools.²

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 or structured outdoor 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

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>

² <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/Information-on-COVID-19-Testing.aspx>