TK-12 School-Based Exposures – Decision Tree for Close Contacts (2021-2022)

Exposure in a TK-12 school setting supervised by school staff (If not, see COVID-19 Decision Tree)

Was anyone within 0-6 ft of the positive case for >15 min over a 24-hr period?

YES

Is the contact fully vaccinated?

YES, FULLY vaccinated

Is the vaccinated contact symptomatic?

YES

Isolate and COVID test immediately

Negative

May return to campus when symptoms improve and contact has been fever-free for ≥24 hours

Positive

If untested, quarantine AT HOME for 10 days. May shorten home quarantine to 7 days if test taken on/after Day 5 after last exposure is negative and not experiencing symptoms.

Negative or untested

May remain on campus while getting tested. (If no results provided to school, quarantine AT HOME for 10 days.) Exclude from all extracurricular activities until quarantine ends. May shorten quarantine to 7 days if test taken on/after Day 5 after last exposure is negative and still not experiencing symptoms.

NO

NO, not fully vaccinated

Is the non-fully-vaccinated contact symptomatic?

YES

Isolate and COVID test immediately

Negative

May return to campus when symptoms improve and contact has been fever-free for ≥24 hours

Positive

If untested, quarantine AT HOME for 10 days. May shorten home quarantine to 7 days if test taken on/after Day 5 after last exposure is negative and not experiencing symptoms.

Negative or untested

May remain on campus while getting tested. (If no results provided to school, quarantine AT HOME for 10 days.) Exclude from all extracurricular activities until quarantine ends. May shorten quarantine to 7 days if test taken on/after Day 5 after last exposure is negative and still not experiencing symptoms.

NO

NO, not a student

Is the contact a student?

YES, a student

Were both COVID+ student & contact wearing masks during exposure?

YES, BOTH case & contact were masked = eligible for modified quarantine

NO, one/both UNMASKED or UNSURE

= eligible for shortened quarantine

May remain on campus

Isolate for ≥10 days after symptom onset AND at least 24 hours after fever resolves AND other symptoms improve.

Negative

May return to campus when symptoms improve and contact has been fever-free for ≥24 hours

Positive

If untested, quarantine AT HOME for 10 days. May shorten home quarantine to 7 days if test taken on/after Day 5 after last exposure is negative and not experiencing symptoms.

Negative or untested

May remain on campus while getting tested. (If no results provided to school, quarantine AT HOME for 10 days.) Exclude from all extracurricular activities until quarantine ends. May shorten quarantine to 7 days if test taken on/after Day 5 after last exposure is negative and still not experiencing symptoms.

NO

NO

There are no close contacts who need to quarantine.

• To be eligible for modified or shortened quarantine, contact must test for COVID-19 as soon as notified of exposure and again on/after Day 5 from last exposure. Submit results to school.

• All contacts should monitor for symptoms and follow recommended interventions (distancing, face coverings, handwashing) for a full 14 days. ➢ If symptoms develop, isolate and test for COVID immediately.

• Anytime a test is POSITIVE (regardless of vaccination status), isolate at home for at least 10 days after first symptoms started (or date positive test collected) and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever and other symptoms improve.

1. If person is NOT a close contact but has COVID-like symptoms that are common to a variety of illnesses, the person should get tested and provide a negative test result to the school. A doctor’s note can only be used in place of a negative test under very specific circumstances. See Education page FAQs (#18) for details.

2. A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes at any time beginning 2 days before the infected person had symptoms or tested positive. The exposure time can be 15 minutes of continuous contact with the infected person or repeated short-duration interactions with the infected person totaling 15 minutes within a 24-hour period.

3. Anytime a test is positive (regardless of vaccination status), isolate at home for at least 10 days after the first symptoms started (or date positive test collected) and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever and other symptoms improve.

4. If the case is a household (HH) member, contact’s quarantine starts immediately and extends for 7 days (if test on/after Day 5 is negative) or 10 days (without a test) from the day the case finishes isolation.

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