

# 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.<sup>1</sup>



**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.<sup>1</sup>

**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](#)).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> **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.<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>1</sup>

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

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