Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings

This chart can help guide quarantine decisions after a student or adult contact is exposed to someone with COVID-19 **in the classroom setting**.

Does the school have ALL of the following in the place?*

1. **Masking** for students and staff (regardless of vaccination status).**
2. Strategies to **maximize physical distancing** (at least 3 feet between desks).
3. Documented **COVID-19 prevention policies** and procedures (identification of individuals experiencing symptoms, strategies to increase ventilation, protocols for cleaning, etc.).

No

Is the **contact** vaccinated?

No

Did **contact** consistently wear a **mask**?

No

Contact is recommended to:

Follow normal **quarantine** procedures, as outlined below.

They should **not attend in-person school.** They should **not participate in sports** or **extracurricular** activities.

They can **return to normal** classroom and extracurricular **activities** after **7 days** if they have received a **negative viral** (PCR or antigen) test that was performed at least **5 days after exposure.**

If they **test positive**, they should isolate for at least 10 days from the date of the positive test.

Yes

Contact is recommended to:

Wear a mask indoors, as much as possible, **either** for 14 days or until they receive **a negative viral** (PCR or antigen) **test** performed at least **5 days** after **exposure**.

They can **remain** in the normal **in-classroom** setting and **participate in extracurricular** and **sport activities** as long as they have no symptoms.

If they **test positive,** they should isolate for at least 10 days from the date of the positive test.

Yes

Contact is recommended to:

Wear a mask indoors, as much as possible, **either** for 14 days or until they receive **a negative viral** (PCR or antigen) **test** performed 3-5 days after exposure.

Vaccinated individuals can remain in the normal **in-person** classroom setting and **participate in extracurricular** and sport activities as long as they have no symptoms.

If they **test positive,** they should isolate for at least 10 days from the date of the positive test.

Yes

Individuals can **safely remain** in the normal **in-person** classroom setting and **participate in extracurricular** and **sport** activities as long as they have no symptoms.

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*This flowchart applies only to COVID-19 exposures that occurred within a K-12 classroom setting. It is not applicable to exposure in the community, extracurricular, or sports environment.

**If masking has not been implemented, local health departments (LHDs) may use this workflow if it can be established that the person WITH COVID-19 and individuals within 3 to 6 feet of the infected person were consistently and correctly wearing masks.