Steps for Determining **Close Contact and Quarantine** in K–12 Schools

**Students in INDOOR CLASSROOMS and STRUCTURED OUTDOOR SETTINGS**

If yes to **all of the below**, the student is a close contact, **regardless of proper mask use**. If no to any, move to the next column.

**LESS THAN 3 FEET**

- Was the student within 3 feet of another student with COVID-19?

- Has the student been within 3 feet of a student with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period?

If the answers to the questions above are both yes, the student is a close contact, regardless of whether the person was wearing a mask properly.

**WITHIN 3–6 FEET**

- Was the student within 3 to 6 feet of another student with COVID-19?

- Has the student been within 3-6 feet of a student with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period?

- Were either of the two students **wearing masks inconsistently, incorrectly, or not at all**?

**What should the close contact do?**

- **If they are not up to date on vaccines**
  
  The close contact needs to **quarantine** for at least 5 days from the date of last close contact. The close contact should monitor for **symptoms**, get tested at least 5 days after the close contact, and wear a **well-fitting mask** around others for 10 days from the date of the last close contact with someone with COVID-19. If they test positive, they should isolate. Regardless of vaccination status, if a close contact develops symptoms, they should isolate, get tested immediately, and continue to isolate if they test positive.

- **If they are up to date on vaccines**
  
  The close contact does not need to **quarantine**. The close contact should monitor for **symptoms**, get tested at least 5 days after the close contact, and wear a **well-fitting mask** around others for 10 days from the date of the last close contact with someone with COVID-19. If they test positive, they should isolate. Regardless of vaccination status, if a close contact develops symptoms, they should isolate, get tested immediately, and continue to isolate if they test positive.

- **If they have had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, completed isolation, and recovered** (regardless of vaccination status)
  
  The close contact does not need to **quarantine**. The close contact should monitor for **symptoms**, wear a **well-fitting mask** around others for 10 days, and speak with a healthcare professional about testing recommendations. Regardless of vaccination status, if a close contact develops symptoms, they should isolate, get tested immediately, and continue to isolate if they test positive.

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**Students in NON-CLASSROOM SETTINGS and adults in ALL SCHOOL SETTINGS**

If yes to **all of the below**, the person is a close contact, **regardless of proper mask use**. If no to any, the person is not a close contact.

**LESS THAN 6 FEET**

- Was the student or adult within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19?

- Has the person been within 6 feet of a person with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period?

If the answers to the questions above are both yes, the person is a close contact, regardless of whether the person was wearing a mask properly.

**What should the close contact do?**

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