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?

If yes to all of the below, the student is a close contact. If no to any, then the student is not a close contact.

WITHIN 3–6 FEET

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

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

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LESS THAN 6 FEET

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?

If yes to all of the below, the person is a close contact, regardless of whether the person was wearing a mask properly.

If no to any, the person is not a close contact.

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

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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

If they have taken the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine and boosters as recommended, they are up to date.

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.