



PREVENTING AND MONITORING COVID CASES IN SCHOOL SETTINGS

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Screen daily for symptoms*

If an individual has symptoms, regardless of vaccination status

- Do not come to school and isolate at home
 - Take a COVID-19 test
 - With Negative Test**: Stay at home until the symptoms are improving, and fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medicine
- OR
- With No Test: Stay at home for 10 days, return on Day 11 if symptoms are improving and fever free for 24 hours without medicine



POSITIVE TEST REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS

- Full at-home isolation for 5 days from symptoms onset or if no symptoms, 5 days from positive test date
- Return to school/work on or after Day 6 with a negative test taken on Day 5** or later

AND no symptoms/symptoms resolving

AND fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicines

AND wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days



Close contact quarantine - asymptomatic staff

Unvaccinated staff OR Vaccinated and booster-eligible* but not yet boosted staff OR COVID positive staff last 90 days**

The number of days required for quarantine is counted from the day after the person's last close contact with a person who is contagious with COVID-19.

- With Negative Test**: Quarantine for 5 days; return to work on Day 6

OR

- With No Test: Quarantine for 10 days and returns to work on the 11th day if asymptomatic



Close contact quarantine - asymptomatic staff & students Boosted OR Vaccinated and not yet booster-eligible***

- No quarantine is necessary for boosted individuals or individuals who are vaccinated and not yet booster-eligible, as long as they are asymptomatic
- Testing is recommended on Day 5 after exposure

Close contact quarantine - asymptomatic unvaccinated students only

- Quarantines for 10 days and returns to school on the 11th day if asymptomatic

OR

- Quarantines for 7 days if individual provides a negative test** on or after Day 5 of exposure date; returns to school on Day 8

OR MODIFIED QUARANTINE (for students exposed at school ONLY)

- Remains in school with daily self monitoring and undergoes testing twice**: within first 24 hours of notification and on Day 5, 6, or 7
- Refrain from extra curricular activities in school or community setting until Day 8 with a negative test** on or after Day 5

*COVID-19 symptoms include: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

**For ending isolation or quarantine, Antigen (preferred) or PCR tests are acceptable from lab, clinic, or over-the-counter. (In an effort to maintain in-school learning and address the lack of available testing appointments, at-home tests will be accepted as evidence of a negative result.)

***The most up-to-date booster eligibility can be found on the CDC's website [linked here](#)