

Steps to Take in Response to Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 Cases and Close Contacts

Scenario	Immediate Steps	Interpreting Results	Return to School/Work
<p><u>Scenario 1:</u> Individual exhibits one or more COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send student/staff home. Recommend immediate testing. Notify school administration and COVID-19 Designee. Classroom remains open. <i>If student/staff is <u>not tested</u>, must obtain medical note (explaining why not tested) OR follow instructions for positive case.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If test is <u>negative</u>, stay at home until 24 hours after resolution of fever and other symptoms improve. If test is <u>positive</u>, isolate at home for at least 10 days after the first symptoms started and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever and other symptoms improve. Send out letters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If <u>negative</u>, return to school 24 hours after resolution of fever and improvement in other symptoms; provide evidence of negative test <u>or</u> medical note explaining why testing was not performed. If <u>positive</u>, can return once full isolation period is completed.
<p><u>Scenario 2:</u> Student or staff identified as a Close Contact* to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19</p> <p>NEW - Fully vaccinated individuals may not be required to quarantine, if they meet certain conditions. See sccstayhome.org for more info.</p> <p>A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes at any time beginning 2 days before the infected person had symptoms or tested positive.*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send home with instructions to quarantine for 10 days after last exposure. Recommend testing around day 6 after last exposure or, if symptomatic, test immediately. If test done earlier than day 6, repeat test towards end of quarantine. Notify school administration and COVID-19 Designee. Send out appropriate letters. Classroom remains open. All test results should be reported to the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If test is <u>negative</u>, quarantine for 10 days and monitor symptoms for 14 days after last exposure to COVID-19 case. If continuously exposed to a case during the case's isolation (e.g. household member), quarantine ends 10 days after the case's isolation period ends. If test is <u>positive</u>, isolate for at least 10 days after symptom onset AND at least 24 hours after resolution of fever AND other symptoms improve. (If <u>never symptomatic</u>, isolate for 10 days after date of positive test.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to school/work once full 10-day quarantine is completed (or if contact became positive, full isolation period is completed). No medical note is needed. NOTE: Contacts must <u>self-monitor for symptoms for a full 14 days</u> from last exposure to case. <u>If symptoms develop</u> during the 14-day monitoring period, see Test Result Decision Tree for guidance.
<p><u>Scenario 3:</u> A student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 in a cohort or non-cohort setting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COHORT – Classroom closes</p> <p><u>Case:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send home with instructions to isolate. <p><u>Contact:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send home all members of the class cohort and any other campus close contacts. Then follow SCENARIO 2. Notify school administration and COVID-19 Designee Notify Public Health Department <p style="text-align: center;">NON-COHORT – Classroom remains open</p> <p><u>Case:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send home with instructions to isolate. <p><u>Contact:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use seating chart/roster & staff/student input to determine close contacts to send home. Then follow SCENARIO 2. 	<p><u>Case:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For student/staff whose test is <u>positive</u>, isolate for at least 10 days after symptom onset AND at least 24 hours after resolution of fever AND other symptoms improve. (If <u>never symptomatic</u>, isolate for 10 days after date of positive test.) <p><u>Contact:</u> FOLLOW SCENARIO 2</p>	<p><u>Case:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to school/work once full isolation period is completed. No medical note needed. <p><u>Contact:</u> FOLLOW SCENARIO 2</p>
<p><u>Scenario 4:</u> Routine COVID-19 screening (no</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue at school/work until results are available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If <u>negative</u>, no action needed. If <u>positive</u>, FOLLOW SCENARIO 3. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If <u>negative</u>, continue at school/work. No documentation needed.

*Close contact can be 15 minutes of continuous contact OR repeated short-duration interactions with the infected person.

Being considered a close contact does not depend on whether the contact or the infected person was wearing a face covering during their interaction.