

Quick Guide: Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 Case or Close Contacts in TK-12 Setting

Scenario	Steps to Take Immediately	Understanding Results	Returning to Program
<p><u>Scenario 1:</u> Individual exhibits one or more COVID-19 symptoms, <u>regardless of vaccination status</u></p> <p>For more information, see the TK-12 School Exposure Close Contact Decision Tree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send student/staff home and recommend a COVID test immediately. Notify school administration and COVID-19 Designee. Classroom stays open while awaiting result. <i>If student/staff <u>not tested</u>, instruct to isolate for 10 days. No test/note needed to return to school.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If test is <u>negative</u>, student/staff must stay at home until symptoms improve and at least 24 hours after fever goes away. If test is <u>positive</u>, case must isolate at home for at least 10 days after the first symptoms started <u>and</u> at least 24 hours after fever resolution <u>and</u> other symptoms improve. Send relevant notification letters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If test is <u>negative</u>, can return to school 24 hours after fever goes away <u>and</u> other symptoms improve; must bring proof of negative test <u>or</u> medical note to explain why not tested. If positive, can return once the full 10-day isolation period is completed. If so, no test or medical note needed.
<p><u>Scenario 2:</u> Child or staff is a Close Contact* of someone who tested positive for COVID-19</p> <p><i>Fully vaccinated contacts do not need to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic and tests are negative.</i></p> <p>A close contact is someone who was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> within 0-6 feet of the COVID-positive person (with or without a mask) exposed for at least 15 minutes* exposed when the person could spread the infection (starts 2 days <u>before</u> they had symptoms or tested positive) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult TK-12 School Exposure Close Contact Decision Tree for guidance; give relevant testing & quarantine instructions. Notify school administration and COVID-19 Designee, if requested by Designee. Request that test results, especially for contacts who are symptomatic or fully vaccinated or who qualify for modified quarantine, be reported to the school ASAP. Any contacts who are fully vaccinated or who qualify for modified quarantine can <i>remain on campus</i> while awaiting testing. Send relevant notification letters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If test is <u>negative</u>, test again on/after Day 5 of quarantine and continue to monitor for symptoms. If symptoms develop, isolate and test immediately. If case is a household member, contact's quarantine starts immediately & extends for 7 or 10 days (depending on test results) from the end of case's isolation. If test is <u>positive</u>, isolate for at least 10 days from date of positive test or, if symptomatic, 10 days from symptom onset AND ≥ 24 hours after resolution of fever AND other symptoms improve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to school once required quarantine period and testing is completed (per TK-12 School Exposure Close Contact Decision Tree). If completed a <u>full 10-day</u> quarantine, no test results needed to return. For contacts to <u>remain on campus</u> or <u>qualify for shortened</u> quarantine, they need to provide negative test results from on/after Day 5 promptly. <i>Regardless of test results, all should continue to monitor for symptoms and follow recommended interventions (masking, hand-washing) for 14 days after exposure.</i>
<p><u>Scenario 3:</u> A student or staff member, <u>regardless of vaccination status</u>, tests positive for COVID-19 in a cohort or non-cohort setting</p> <p>For more information, see the TK-12 School Exposure Close Contact Decision Tree</p>	<p>GENERAL – Classroom remains open</p> <p><u>Case:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send home with instructions to isolate. <p><u>Contacts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use seating chart/roster & staff/student input to identify close contacts and send them home. Then follow SCENARIO 2. Notify school administration and COVID-19 Designee. <hr/> <p><i>IF explicitly maintaining cohorts:</i></p> <p><u>Case:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send home with instructions to isolate. <p><u>Contacts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send home all members of the group cohort and any other in-program close contacts. Then follow SCENARIO 2. 	<p><u>Case:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For child/staff whose test is <u>positive</u>, isolate for at least 10 days after symptoms started AND at least 24 hours after fever goes away AND other symptoms improve. (If the person never had symptoms, isolate for 10 days after the date of their positive test.) <p><u>Contacts:</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 test results or medical note are needed to return. <p><u>Contacts:</u> FOLLOW SCENARIO 2</p>
<p><u>Scenario 4:</u> Routine COVID-19 screening (no symptoms, not a close contact)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After a screening test, the person can continue at the program/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>, can go to program/work. No test results needed. If <u>positive</u>, FOLLOW SCENARIO 3.

*Close contact can be 15 minutes of contact all at once OR repeated contact with the infected person that adds up to 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period. Being considered a close contact does not depend on whether the contact or the infected person were wearing face coverings during the time they were in contact.