Isolation and Quarantine Recommendations While Awaiting and After Receiving COVID-19 Test Results

**SYMPTOMATIC (suspected case)**
COVID-19 symptoms: YES
Close contact: NO

- **Isolate** immediately while awaiting test results.
- **COVID test immediately**
  - Negative: Return to school/work at least 24 hours after fever resolves and other symptoms improve.
  - Positive: Isolate for at least 10 days and at least 24 hours after fever resolves and other symptoms improve.

**CLOSE-CONTACT**
COVID-19 symptoms: YES or NO
Close contact: YES

- **Quarantine/isolate immediately** while awaiting test results, unless fully vaccinated with no symptoms.
  - **Is the exposed person fully vaccinated?**
    - Yes:
      - **Isolate and COVID test immediately**
        - Negative: Isolate for at least 10 days and at least 24 hours after fever resolves and other symptoms improve.
        - Positive: May return to campus when symptoms improve, and contact has been fever-free for ≥24 hours.
      - Positive: Test ASAP and on/after Day 5 after last exposure. If not tested, must quarantine for a full 10 days. (If symptomatic, 10 days and at least 24 hours after fever resolves and other symptoms improve.) Shorten quarantine to 7 days if test taken on/after Day 5 after last exposure.
    - No:
      - **Is the exposed person symptomatic?**
        - Yes: Test ASAP & on/after Day 5 after last exposure. If not tested, must quarantine for a full 10 days. (If symptomatic, 10 days and at least 24 hours after fever resolves and other symptoms improve.) Shorten quarantine to 7 days if test taken on/after Day 5 after last exposure.
        - Negative: Continue at school/work while awaiting test results.
        - Positive: Isolate for at least 10 days and at least 24 hours after fever resolves and other symptoms improve.

**ROUTINE SCREENING**
COVID-19 symptoms: NO
Close contact: NO

- **Continue at school/work** while awaiting test results.
  - **COVID test**
    - Negative: Continue at school/work.
    - Positive: Isolate for at least 10 days and at least 24 hours after fever resolves and other symptoms improve.

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1. If person is **NOT** a close contact but has COVID-like symptoms that are common to a variety of illnesses, **the person should get tested** and provide a negative test result to the school. A doctor's note can only be used in place of a negative test under very specific circumstances. See Education page FAQs (#18) for details.

2. 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. The exposure time can be 15 minutes of continuous contact with the infected person or repeated short-duration interactions with the infected person totaling 15 minutes within a 24-hour period.

3. **Anytime** a test is **positive** (regardless of vaccination status), **isolate at home** for at least **10 days** after the first symptoms started (or date positive test collected) and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever and other symptoms improve.

4. If the case is a **household (HH) member**, contact’s quarantine starts immediately and extends for 7 days (if test on/after Day 5 is negative) or 10 days (without a test) from the day the case finishes isolation.

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