

Children who are exposed to COVID-19 in school.

“Test to stay” also known as “modified quarantine”

Students in TK-12 schools who are not **Up-to-Date** on COVID-19 vaccination and have Close Contact **in a supervised school setting** can leave quarantine to attend school if both the student and the infected person were **wearing face masks consistently and correctly** at the time. They can also ride school buses and public transportation to go to and from school.

This “test to stay” or “modified quarantine” applies only to students who were exposed to COVID-19 at school, because of the low risk of transmission between students in school classrooms. It does not apply to students who were exposed to COVID-19 at home, outside of school, or during extracurricular activities like school sports.

To attend school during quarantine, the student must:

- Get tested for COVID-19 twice: once immediately after notification of exposure and once more on or after day 5 from last date of known Close Contact.
- Remain free of any COVID-19 symptoms during this time.
- Wear a face mask in school, except to eat

Students must quarantine except to attend school. **During modified quarantine, students must not participate in activities outside of school or extracurricular activities at school, including sports.** They also must not play wind instruments in class. Quarantine can end on day 8 if a test collected on or after day 5 is negative (*The last Close Contact is day 0*).

For more information, see **CDC “Test to stay”**, **CDPH schools guidance** and **CDPH Schools Q and A**.