

Who Needs to Quarantine?

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For students, teachers, and staff within the K-12 school setting

Was there a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19?

- A positive COVID-19 viral test, even if later tests are negative, **Or**
- Any major, or two or more minor symptoms after a recent exposure to COVID-19 (but has not had a negative test while symptomatic)

NO

ROUTINE CLASSROOM EXPOSURES OR HIGHER RISK EXPOSURE ^(1,2)

For students and staff

Was the exposed person(s) a close contact?

- Within 6 ft for >15 minutes without masking in routine classroom, **Or**
- Within 6 ft for >15 minutes while participating in indoor sports, contact sports, band, or sports/extracurricular activities with increased interaction, **Or**
- Participated on non-routine bus transportation (field trips, travel to sporting events, etc.) , **Or**
- Had direct physical contact with ill person for any duration such as tackling, hugging, diapering, feeding, or sneezed/coughed on, **Or**
- Is identified as a close contact based on public health investigation

NO

YES

Does the exposed person meet any of these criteria?

- For routine classroom exposures , there is full compliance with masking ⁽³⁾, **Or**
- Is aged 5-11 years and has completed the primary COVID-19 vaccine series at least 14 days prior to exposure, **Or**
- Is aged 12+ years and is up-to-date on all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses (including a booster dose if 5+ months after mRNA vaccines or 2+ months after Johnson&Johnson vaccine), **Or**
- Had a positive COVID-19 test (PCR or antigen or at-home test) in past 90 days, **Or**
- Participating in weekly screening testing and will continue to participate for at least 2 additional weeks

NO

YES

Quarantine Required

- Stay home through 5 days after exposure ⁽⁴⁾
- Watch for symptoms for 10 days
- Get tested about 3-5 days after exposure
- If no symptoms, person may return to school on Day 6 and should properly wear a mask in all school settings
- Avoid participating in extracurricular activities where masking is inconsistent
- If symptoms develop, isolate from others and get tested

Remain in School

- Watch for symptoms for 10 days
- Get tested about 3-5 days after exposure
- Properly wear a mask in school environment if aged 2+ years
- If symptoms develop, isolate from others and get tested

1. Routine classroom settings also include music, band, or PE that is part of routine school classes, and routine to/from home bus transportation. Staff meetings are not considered routine classroom, but if all attendees are masked for the duration then usually considered a low risk setting and quarantine not required.
2. TCHD may institute longer quarantine or isolation duration if there is evidence of uncontrolled transmission or a problematic public health investigation at the school.
3. Full compliance means all students/staff in the classroom are properly masked with limited exceptions and infectious case must be masked. Without full compliance, school must conduct targeted contact tracing and quarantine persons within 6 feet >15 minutes or quarantine entire exposed population (persons can be exempted from quarantine permitted based on criteria outlined in the algorithm).
4. The date of your exposure is considered day 0. Day 1 is the first full day after your last contact with a person who has had COVID-19.