

# Who Needs to Quarantine?



For students, teachers, and staff within the K-12 school setting <sup>(1)</sup>

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

- A positive COVID-19 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)

YES

Was it a higher risk exposure?

Including but not limited to:

- Indoor sports, contact sports, sports with increased interaction
- After-school band/choir, extracurriculars with increased interactions and reduced distancing
- Non-routine bus transportation (field trips, travel to sporting events, etc.)

YES

HIGHER RISK EXPOSURE

Was the exposed person(s) a close contact?

For higher risk exposures

- Within 6 ft for >15 minutes, Or
- Had any direct physical contact with a case for any duration such as tackling, hugging, diapering, feeding, or sneezed/coughed on

YES

Does exposed person meet either criteria?

For higher risk exposures

- Has completed COVID-19 vaccine series (2+ weeks after last vaccine dose), Or
- Test-confirmed infection in past 90 days

NO

Quarantine Required

ROUTINE CLASSROOM EXPOSURES <sup>(2)</sup>

For students and staff

Was the exposed person(s) a close contact?

For routine classroom exposures

- Within 6 ft for >15 minutes without masking, 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

YES

Was there full masking compliance or does exposed person meet these criteria?

For routine classroom exposures

- Full compliance with masking <sup>(3)</sup>, Or
- Has completed COVID-19 vaccine series (2+ weeks after last vaccine dose), Or
- Test-confirmed infection in past 90 days, Or
- Participating in weekly screening testing and will continue to participate for at least 2 additional weeks

NO

Was other CDPHE criteria for reduced quarantine met?

For routine classroom exposures

- See Table: Criteria for Reduced Quarantine in Colorado's Practical Guide for at [bit.ly/SchoolGuidanceCDC](https://bit.ly/SchoolGuidanceCDC)
- County case rate or school vaccination status

NO

YES

Remain in School

1. Routine classroom quarantine requirements may change if there is evidence of connected cases, a suspect outbreak, or a problematic public health investigation at the school. TCHD will consult and we may require additional quarantine or mitigation measures.
2. 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 seated, distanced by 3 feet, and masked for the duration then usually considered a low risk setting and quarantine not required.
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 anyone within 6 feet >15 minutes or quarantine entire exposed population.