

Steps for Determining Close Contact and Quarantine in K-12 Schools



Students in **INDOOR CLASSROOMS** and **STRUCTURED OUTDOOR SETTINGS**

If yes to **all of the below**, the student is a close contact, **regardless of proper mask use**. If no to any, move to the next column.

LESS THAN 3 FEET

Was the student within 3 feet of another student with COVID-19?

Has the student been within 3 feet of a student with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period?

If the answers to the questions above are both yes, the student is a close contact, regardless of whether the person was wearing a mask properly.

If yes to **all of the below**, the student is a close contact. If no to any, then the student is not a close contact.

WITHIN 3-6 FEET

Was the student within 3 to 6 feet of another student with COVID-19?

Has the student been within 3-6 feet of a student with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period?

Were either of the two students **wearing masks inconsistently, incorrectly, or not at all?**



Students in **NON-CLASSROOM SETTINGS** and adults in **ALL SCHOOL SETTINGS**

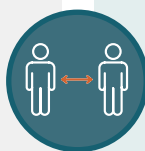
If yes to **all of the below**, the person is a close contact, **regardless of proper mask use**. If no to any, the person is not a close contact.

LESS THAN 6 FEET

Was the student or adult within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19?

Has the person been within 6 feet of a person with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period?

If the answers to the questions above are both yes, the person is a close contact, regardless of whether the person was wearing a mask properly.



What should the close contact do?

If they are not up to date on vaccines

The close contact needs to [quarantine](#) for at least 5 days from the date of last close contact.

The close contact should monitor for [symptoms](#), [get tested](#) at least 5 days after the close contact, and wear a [well-fitting mask](#) around others for 10 days from the date of the last close contact with someone with COVID-19. If they test positive, they should isolate.

Regardless of vaccination status, if a close contact develops symptoms, they should isolate, [get tested](#) immediately, and continue to isolate if they test positive.

If they are up to date on vaccines

If they have taken the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine and boosters as recommended, they are up to date.

The close contact does not need to [quarantine](#).

The close contact should monitor for [symptoms](#), [get tested](#) at least 5 days after the close contact, and wear a [well-fitting mask](#) around others for 10 days from the date of the last close contact with someone with COVID-19. If they test positive, they should isolate.

Regardless of vaccination status, if a close contact develops [symptoms](#), they should [isolate](#), [get tested](#) immediately, and continue to isolate if they test positive.

If they have had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, completed isolation, and recovered (regardless of vaccination status)

The close contact does not need to [quarantine](#).

The close contact should monitor for [symptoms](#), wear a [well-fitting mask](#) around others for 10 days, and speak with a healthcare professional about testing recommendations.

Regardless of vaccination status, if a close contact develops symptoms, they should isolate, [get tested](#) immediately, and continue to isolate if they test positive.

To allow time for students to catch up with the [latest recommendations](#) and to minimize disruption to in-person learning, schools may consider forgoing quarantine for students ages 12-17 years who completed their [primary vaccine series](#) but have not yet received all [eligible boosters](#).

