

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 diagnosed with COVID-19?

Has the student been in the presence 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 proper mask use.

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 diagnosed with COVID-19?

Has the student been in the presence 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?

Use [masks](#) to slow the spread of COVID-19.



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 diagnosed with COVID-19?

Has the person been in the presence 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 proper mask use.



Does the close contact need to quarantine?

If they are **NOT FULLY VACCINATED**

The close contact needs to [quarantine](#).

The close contact should monitor for symptoms and [get tested](#) immediately and again 5-7 days after the exposure. The close contact should [wear a mask](#) if they must be around others.

A school or public health official will determine the length of the quarantine. CDC recommends a total of 14 days from the date of the exposure.

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

If they are **FULLY VACCINATED**

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

The close contact should monitor for [symptoms](#), [get tested](#) 5-7 days after the exposure, and [wear a mask](#) indoors in public for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.

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

If they have had COVID-19 **WITHIN THE PAST 90 DAYS, COMPLETED ISOLATION, and RECOVERED**

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

The close contact should monitor for [symptoms](#), [wear a mask](#) indoors in public for 14 days, and speak with a healthcare professional about testing recommendations.

Close contacts who had a prior infection in the past 90 days and who develop new [symptoms](#) should [isolate](#) immediately and consult a healthcare professional for testing recommendations.