

Exclusion criteria for persons with COVID-19, COVID-19 compatible symptoms and close contacts ¹

	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk	Very High Risk
COVID-19 positive (viral test), symptomatic or asymptomatic	Exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria Identify and exclude school-based contacts for <u>10 days (in absence of testing)</u> from last exposure and report to local health department.	Exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria Identify and exclude school-based contacts for <u>10 days (in absence of testing)</u> from last exposure and report to local health department.	Exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria Identify and exclude school-based contacts for <u>14 days</u> from last exposure and report to local health department.	Further recommendations will be based on additional circumstances and available resources at that time
COVID-19 - compatible symptoms but not tested for COVID-19	If no potential exposure to a COVID-19 case in the last 14 days, individual can follow NJDOH School Exclusion List If person has potential exposure to COVID-19 in the last 14 days, exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria	Exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria	Exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria	
COVID-19 - compatible symptoms and negative COVID-19 test (viral test) ²	Exclude individual through 24 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms improve	Exclude individual through 24 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms improve	Exclude individual through 24 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms improve	
Close contact of staff or student with COVID-19 ^{3,4}	Close contacts of a COVID-19 case who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for <u>10 days (in absence of testing)</u> from date of last contact ⁵	Close contacts of a COVID-19 case who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for <u>10 days (in absence of testing)</u> from date of last contact ⁵	Close contacts of a COVID-19 case who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for <u>14 days</u> from date of last contact ⁵	

1. In all risk levels, students and staff who are not fully vaccinated and who are household members of a student/staff member with COVID-19 compatible symptoms that meet [COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria](#) should be excluded from school until the symptomatic individual receives a negative test result. If the symptomatic individual tests positive, the household member will need to quarantine.

2. Symptomatic individuals with high likelihood of COVID-19 (for example, who are close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases or who have had suspected exposure to a person with COVID-19 AND who are not fully vaccinated AND have not had COVID-19 in the past 3 months) who test negative by rapid antigen test should undergo confirmatory testing with a molecular test (for example RT-PCR)

3. Fully vaccinated persons who have close contact with someone with COVID-19 do NOT need to be excluded from school if they are asymptomatic but should be referred for testing 3-5 days after exposure.

4. Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 90 days who have close contact with someone with COVID-19 and are asymptomatic do NOT need to be excluded from school and do not need to be tested.

5. In outbreak settings, close contacts of COVID-19 cases who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for 14 days from date of last contact.