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.

Does the close contact need to quarantine?

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.

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.

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.



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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.



