

The "Test to Stay" Modified 7 Day Quarantine for Close Contacts

Who is Eligible?

1. K-12 student, teacher or staff member who have been exposed to the person with COVID-19 AT SCHOOL ONLY
2. Have no symptoms of COVID-19 at all
3. Wear a mask at school
4. Quarantine when not at school
5. Test to Stay Modified 7 Day Quarantine for close contacts in K-12 schools

Unvaccinated students, teachers or staff who are identified as close contacts who were exposed within the school setting should be instructed to either:

- Self-quarantine away from school for 7 days after the last exposure. The individual may return on Day 8 if they are symptom free and receive a negative COVID-19 PCR or antigen test on Day 5, 6 or 7. Home COVID tests are NOT acceptable.
- Self-quarantine away from school for 10 days after the last exposure. The individual may return on Day 11 without testing if they are symptom free.

Exceptions to Quarantine:

- Fully vaccinated persons do not need to quarantine following an exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 if they are NOT experiencing symptoms. Fully vaccinated people who are exposed to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 should wear a mask and are recommended to have a COVID PCR or antigen test between day 3 and 5 following the exposure.
- Asymptomatic close contacts who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are fully recovered in the prior 3 months do not need to be sent home unless they develop symptoms.
- In the K-12 classroom setting where both students are engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitted masks and have 3 feet or more distance from an infected student, are not considered a close contact and do not have to quarantine. However, these students should monitor for symptoms and isolate if symptoms develop.