

SCHOOL COVID-19 ISOLATION / QUARANTINE FLOWCHART *

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****Not Applicable to Pre-K, Day Care, Health Care Facilities or Institutions of Higher Education**

Any Individual Who Tests Positive for COVID-19

Close Contacts to Someone with COVID-19

Isolate for at least 5 days AFTER onset of symptoms or specimen collection if no symptoms

(Symptom Onset or Specimen Collection is Day Zero)

A “close contact” as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes (consecutive or non-consecutive within a 24-hour period) starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the positive case is isolated.

1. Maximum period of isolation is 10 days after onset of symptoms or specimen collection if no symptoms.

2. Release from isolation on Day 6 (or ASAP thereafter) if fever- and vomiting/diarrhea-free for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.

3. Mask through Day 10.

Group 1

1. A student who was within 3-6 feet of a confirmed or probable student case in a classroom setting if both were consistently masked during exposure.

2. An individual who was within 3-6 feet of a confirmed case on school transportation and windows were open (front, middle, back, or overhead) OR HEPA filters were used in transit, and if both were consistently masked during exposure.

3. Age 18 or older and received all recommended vaccine doses (including booster, if eligible).

4. Age 5-17 and completed the primary series of vaccine.

5. Confirmed COVID-19 case within last 90 days (tested positive w/rapid or lab test).

6. An individual who was solely exposed to a confirmed case outdoors.

Group 2

1. Unvaccinated or have not completed a primary vaccine series.

2. Age 18 or older and Unboosted (if eligible for booster).

Quarantine at home for 5 days AFTER last contact with positive case, unless participating in Test to Stay Protocol. If quarantining:

Should test on Day 5, if possible. *Note*, ISBE/IDPH Guidance does not use “must” here.

Release from quarantine on Day 6, if no symptoms and negative test (where a test was taken).

Mask through Day 10.

If the “close contact” develops symptoms, isolate until receipt of negative COVID-19 test. *If positive, refer to isolation protocol for positive case.*

Any Individual Who Has COVID-19 Symptoms

Exclude from school until:

1. Receipt of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR or rapid antigen test). *If positive, refer to isolation protocol for positive case.*

OR

2. At least 5 days and maximum of 10 days AFTER onset of symptoms, if fever and vomiting/diarrhea-free for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.

Mask through Day 10 for 1 and 2 above.

Test to Stay Protocol

Exposure in school setting during the school day (excludes exposure from extracurricular activities).

Test 2 times at school following “close contact” notice and Day 7 after exposure, with last test occurring 5-7 days after exposure. Test period can end on Day 5 if last test on that date.

Use PCR or rapid antigen test.

If not fully vaccinated (including booster if eligible) participation in extracurricular activities during the testing period is allowed except for competitive play or performances.

No need to quarantine, unless the “close contact” develops symptoms, but mask through Day 10 after last contact with positive case.

If the “close contact” develops symptoms, isolate until receipt of negative COVID-19 test. *If positive, refer to isolation protocol for positive case.*

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