

COVID-19 Updated Quarantine & Isolation Tool

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Purpose: On December 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its [quarantine and isolation guidance for COVID-19](#). This document serves as a tool for schools to implement the updated guidance.

Scenario	Who	Return-to-School Guidance
#1 Negative Screening	Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
#2 COVID-19 Like Symptoms	Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get tested for COVID-19 and do not attend school until test results are received. <p><u>Negative test result:</u> Return to school based on clinical criteria for alternative diagnosis. If no alternative diagnosis is known, return to school 24 hours after symptoms are improved.</p> <p><u>Positive test result:</u> Follow return to school guidance for scenario #3.</p> <p><i>If not tested, assume individual is positive, and follow return to school guidance for scenario #3</i></p>
#3 Tested Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)	Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not attend school and isolate at home for 5 days. If no symptoms, or symptoms are resolving, after 5 days, isolation is complete, and individual can return to school. Individual should wear a mask while at school regardless of the school's current masking policy and outside of the home when around others for 5 additional days. <p><i>If individual has a fever, continue to stay home until 24 hours after fever resolves.</i></p>



<p>#4 Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 & Fully Vaccinated/Boosted (Close Contact/Quarantine)</p>	<p>If Individual:</p> <p>Has been boosted</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual can attend school; no quarantine is required.• Individual should wear a mask while at school regardless of the school's current masking policy and outside of the home when around others for 10 days.• Test on day 5, if possible; if individual does not have symptoms while waiting for test results, they are permitted to attend school. <p><u>Negative test result:</u> Continue to attend school and wear a mask until 10 days is completed.</p> <p><u>Positive test result:</u> Follow return to school guidance for scenario #3.</p> <p><i>If individual develops symptoms during quarantine or upon return to school, they should get tested, stay home, be excluded from school, and follow return to school guidance for scenario #2.</i></p>
<p>#5 Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 & NOT Boosted or Vaccinated (Close Contact/Quarantine)</p>	<p>If Individual:</p> <p>Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Are not vaccinated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not attend school and quarantine at home for 5 days.• If no symptoms after 5 days, quarantine is complete, and individual can return to school.• Individual should wear a mask while at school regardless of the school's current masking policy and outside of the home when around others for an additional 5 days.• Test on day 5, if possible; if individual does not have symptoms while waiting for test results, they are permitted to attend school.



		<p><u>Negative test result:</u> Attend school and wear a mask for additional 5 days.</p> <p><u>Positive test result:</u> Follow return to school guidance for scenario #3.</p> <p><i>If individual develops symptoms during quarantine or upon return to school, they should get tested, stay home, be excluded from school, and follow return to school guidance for scenario #2.</i></p>
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Notes:

- There is no change to what constitutes “day 1” or how days of quarantine/isolation are counted. Day zero is the first day of symptoms or the day someone has been tested if asymptomatic.
- There is no change to the 48-hour exposure period used to identify individuals exposed/close contacts.