Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings

This chart can help guide quarantine decisions after a student or adult contact is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the classroom setting.

Does the school have ALL of the following in the place?*
1. Masking for students and staff (regardless of vaccination status).**
2. Strategies to maximize physical distancing (at least 3 feet between desks).
3. Documented COVID-19 prevention policies and procedures (identification of individuals experiencing symptoms, strategies to increase ventilation, protocols for cleaning, etc.).

Is the contact vaccinated?

No

Did contact consistently wear a mask and maintain social distancing?

No

Contact should:
Follow normal quarantine procedures, as outlined below.
They should not attend in-person school. They should not participate in sports or extracurricular activities.
They can return to normal classroom and extracurricular activities after 7 days if they have received a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test that was performed at least 5 days after exposure.
If they test positive, they should isolate for at least 10 days from the date of the positive test.

Yes

Yes

Contact should:
Wear a mask indoors, as much as possible, either for 14 days or until they receive a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test performed 3-5 days after exposure.
Vaccinated individuals can remain in the normal in-person classroom setting and participate in extracurricular and sport activities as long as they have no symptoms.
If they test positive, they should isolate for at least 10 days from the date of the positive test.

Contact should:
Wear a mask indoors, as much as possible, either for 14 days or until 7 days if they receive a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test performed at least 5 days after exposure.
They can remain in the normal in-classroom setting and participate in extracurricular and sport activities as long as they have no symptoms.
If they test positive, they should isolate for at least 10 days from the date of the positive test.

Contact should:
Follow normal quarantine procedures, as outlined below.
They should not attend in-person school. They should not participate in sports or extracurricular activities.

Yes

Yes

Individuals can safely remain in the normal in-person classroom setting and participate in extracurricular and sport activities as long as they have no symptoms.

*This flowchart applies only to COVID-19 exposures that occurred within a K-12 classroom setting. It is not applicable to exposure in the community, extracurricular, or sports environment.

**The person who tested positive for COVID-19 should follow standard isolation procedures.