Symptom and Isolation Tree

A person has one or more symptoms associated with COVID-19
Possible symptoms include fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

If the person...
- Has symptoms, use the Symptom and Isolation Tree
- Has tested positive and does not have symptoms, use the Asymptomatic Positive Tree
- Is identified as a close contact and does not have symptoms, use the Close Contact and Quarantine Tree

Isolate the person pending a final determination as required below

Was the person identified as a close contact within the last 14 days?

Result from a COVID test taken after onset of symptoms?

What type of test was used?

Is the person fully vaccinated?

Antigen

Molecular

Isolate for 10 days from the date on which the first sample was collected.
- Additional tests should not be performed.
- If symptoms develop, continue isolation for 10 days past the onset of symptoms. Return on or after Day 11 if symptoms have improved + 24 hours without fever and no use of fever-reducing medications.

Allow return to school or work

Asymptomatic Positive Tree

A person has tested positive for COVID-19 and does not have symptoms

Was the positive result from an antigen or molecular test?

Was a follow-up molecular test sample (collected within 48 hours) negative?

Was the person identified as a close contact in the last 14 days?

Use the Close Contact and Quarantine Tree

Stay home until symptoms have improved according to existing school policy, typically 24 hours without fever and no use of fever-reducing medicine

When symptoms have improved and 24 hours have passed without fever or the use fever-reducing medicine, return is authorized using the quarantine options on Page 2

Isolate the person pending a final determination as described below

Return on or after Day 11 from onset of symptoms if symptoms have improved + 24 hours without fever and no use of fever-reducing medications

Stay home until symptoms have improved according to existing school policy, typically 24 hours without fever and no use of fever-reducing medicine
Close Contact and Quarantine Tree

A person who is not fully vaccinated or is not within 90 days of a lab-confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, has been identified as having been in close contact with a person who is known to have COVID-19

Quarantine Requirements

• **Modified (in-school) Quarantine:** This option may only be used by student close contacts exposed in a setting supervised by school staff, when the COVID-19-positive person and student close contact were both wearing masks during all contacts within 6 feet. To remain in school the student must test within 24 hours of notification, and on day 5, 6, or 7. Rapid result (antigen) testing is recommended. The student may continue to participate in expanded learning or child care programs offered on the school campus, but must quarantine at home from all other before-school, after-school, and weekend activities. Activities may resume on or after Day 8 with evidence of a negative test sample collected on or after Day 5. (See FAQ answer No. 7).

• **Return on Day 8:** It is recommended that the student or employee close contact test ASAP. Return on Day 8 is authorized with evidence that a diagnostic specimen collected on or after Day 5 is negative.

• **Return on Day 11:** Allows a student or employee to return on Day 11. Testing is not required but is recommended on or after Day 5, 6, or 7.

• If symptoms develop or a positive test result occurs during quarantine, require isolation at home and consult the Symptom and Isolation or Asymptomatic Positive tree.

Additional Requirements for Return Before Day 15

• Students and employees must agree to self-monitor for symptoms, wear a face covering over their nose and mouth as required, use good hand hygiene practices, and use good cough and sneeze etiquette.

• Employees must also maintain physical distancing of 6 feet at all times. If these requirements cannot or will not be met, 14-day quarantine is required.

• Accommodations (like changes in the close contact’s work, room, seat, or bus assignments) should be made to ensure that close contacts returning before Day 15 will not be near others who are immunocompromised (i.e., solid organ or bone marrow transplant, chemotherapy, similarly reduced ability to fight infections). If these accommodations cannot be made the close contact must quarantine for 14 days.

Other Notes on Quarantine

• The number of days required for quarantine is counted from the day after the person’s last close contact with a person who is contagious with COVID-19. Please see FAQ No. 1 under “isolation” for information on how long people are considered to be contagious.