



# COVID-19 Exclusion Summary Guidance for K-12

**Exclusionary Symptoms of COVID-19 include:** Fever > 100.3 or 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, diarrhea

**Exposure** = Close contact with a case is defined as being physically exposed within 6 feet of another person for 15 minutes or longer cumulatively, within a 24 hour period

**Student is not fully vaccinated and identified as a close contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19**

If masks are not worn consistently, plan to quarantine for 10 days from the last exposure or 7 days if no symptoms are present AND the student has received results of a negative antigen OR PCR/Molecular test that was conducted NO EARLIER than Day 5 of quarantine\*

**Staff is not fully vaccinated and identified as a close contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19**

Plan to quarantine for 10 days from the last exposure or 7 days if no symptoms are present and the staff member has received results of a negative antigen or PCR/Molecular Test that was conducted NO EARLIER than Day 5 of quarantine\*

**Student or staff has been tested for COVID-19**

Student or staff should isolate and not return to school or work until results are received

**Student or staff has a negative COVID-19 test**

Symptomatic students or staff who have a negative antigen (rapid) test MUST also have a negative PCR/Molecular test before returning to school/or work

**Student or staff with symptoms of COVID-19 who have visited a health care provider and received an alternate diagnosis explaining symptoms of COVID-19**

Student or staff can return to school or work when it has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without fever reducing medicine) and they have felt well for at least 24 hours

**Student or staff has a positive COVID-19 test**

Notify your school/work site and follow isolation guidance from a district health official, primary care provider or other health care official

Student or staff should plan to isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or the date of a test if no symptoms are present

\*Fully vaccinated students or staff members are not required to quarantine unless they develop symptoms of COVID-19  
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