



**COVID-19 Updated Quarantine & Isolation Tool**

December 29, 2021

**Purpose:** On December 23, 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.

**Return-to-School Tool:**

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



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