COVID-19 Return to Work/School Flow Chart

**SCREEN STAFF OR STUDENT FOR COVID-19**

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**KEY:**
- **CANNOT** go to school (can learn remotely)
- **CAN** go to school (if symptom has resolved)
- **CANNOT** go to school (if symptom persists)

**CAN** go to school (can learn remotely)

- Can return to building after quarantining for 14 days from last date of Close Contact of COVID-19 exposure. Watch for symptoms for 14 days. If symptoms develop, follow flowchart.
- Can return to building after 10 days after symptoms started AND at least 24 hours have passed since fever resolved (without medication). If one short-term symptom and no positive COVID-19 test, see page 2 for return schedule.
- Can return to building after 24 hours have passed since fever resolved (without medication). OR if alternative diagnosis by health care provider, follow provider directions and isolate per condition diagnosed (whichever isolation is longer).

**CANNOT** go to school (can learn remotely)

- *Fully vaccinated people (2 weeks after last vaccination dose) should also follow the symptom flow chart.
- *Fully vaccinated people (2 weeks after last vaccination dose) do not need to quarantine after COVID-19 exposure. Watch for symptoms for 14 days. If symptoms develop, follow flowchart.

Updated May 16, 2021. Adapted from document of Health Officers in Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Pacific, Skamania, and Wahkiakum Counties.
COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- Fever (100.4°F / 38°C or higher)
- Cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue

- Headache
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

That are not explained by a preexisting condition, such as asthma.

CLOSE CONTACT DEFINITION

“Close Contact” includes anyone in one or more of the following categories:

- Been within 6 feet (2 meters) of a person with COVID-19 for a combined total of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period
- Live in the same household as a person with COVID-19
- Cared for a person with COVID-19
- Been in direct contact with saliva or other body secretions from a person with COVID-19 (for example: been coughed on, kissed, shared utensils, etc.)

Public Health will help identify close contacts.

If you’ve been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and you have no symptoms, Public Health recommends the following:

1. Stay in quarantine for 14 days after your last contact. This is the safest option.
2. If this is not possible, stay in quarantine for 10 days after your last contact, without additional testing.
3. If the first two options are not possible, stay in quarantine for 7 full days beginning after your last contact and if you receive a negative test result (get tested no sooner than day 5 after your last contact). This option depends on availability of testing resources and may not be recommended in some settings.

*Fully vaccinated people (2 weeks after last vaccination dose) with no symptoms do not need to quarantine after COVID-19 exposure. Watch for symptoms for 14 days. If symptoms develop, follow flowchart.

*That are not explained by a preexisting condition, such as asthma.

A short-term symptom is defined as: A person has only one of the following symptoms (fatigue; headache; muscle pain or body aches; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; or diarrhea) AND the symptom begins and resolves in less than 24 hours AND no known COVID-19 exposure (close contact).

A person can return to school the next day if the short-term symptom resolves. A COVID-19 test is not required.