COVID-19 Return to Work/School Flow Chart

ASSESS STAFF OR STUDENT FOR COVID-19

- NO symptoms
- NO COVID-19 diagnosis
- NO close contact of someone with COVID-19

- NO symptoms
- Tested NEGATIVE, awaiting test results or HAS NOT BEEN tested
- Close contact of someone with COVID-19

- NO symptoms
- Tested POSITIVE for COVID-19

- 1 or more symptoms for any duration
- Tested NEGATIVE for COVID-19 or given alternative diagnosis
- NO close contact of someone with COVID-19

- 1 or more symptoms for any duration
- Tested POSITIVE, awaiting test results or HAS NOT BEEN TESTED
- NO close contact of someone with COVID-19

- 1 or more symptoms for any duration
- Tested NEGATIVE, awaiting test results or HAS NOT BEEN tested
- Close contact of someone with COVID-19

Can't go to school
- Can return to building after quarantining for 14 days from last date of Close Contact IF no symptoms develop during 14-day period. If symptoms develop, get tested or retested.
  - 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.

Can't go to school
- Can return to building after isolating for 10 days since the date of positive PCR test collection.
  - Fully vaccinated people should also follow the symptom flow chart.

Can't go to school
- Can return to building after 24 hours have passed since fever resolved (without medication) AND symptoms have improved. OR if alternative diagnosis by health care provider, follow provider directions and isolate per condition diagnosed (whichever isolation is longer).
  - Fully vaccinated people (2 weeks after last vaccination dose) should also follow the symptom flow chart.

Can't go to school
- Can return to building 10 days after symptoms started AND at least 24 hours have passed since fever resolved (without medication) AND symptoms have improved.
  - Fully vaccinated people (2 weeks after last vaccination dose) should also follow the symptom flow chart.

Can't go to school
- Can return to building after quarantining for 14 days from last date of close contact.

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.)

In a K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were at least 3 feet away from an infected student when

- Both students were wearing face coverings/masks AND
- Other prevention strategies were in place

This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

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.

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.*