

Revised K12 Quarantine & Isolation Guidance from CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

Quarantine is the separation of those individuals who have been in close contact with an individual with COVID-19, to prevent the transmission of the virus. Quarantine should include 5 days separated from other individuals, followed by another 5 days of wearing a well-fitting mask around others.

Quarantine recommendations differ based on vaccination and booster status, or prior history of infection in the last 90 days.

Students, teachers and staff **should quarantine** after a close contact if they are:

- Age 18 and older and vaccinated but not boosted if eligible
- Not fully vaccinated

These individuals could also be eligible for *Test to Stay* programs that would allow them to stay in the school setting during the quarantine period. Outside the school setting, quarantine recommendations would apply.

Students, teacher and staff **do NOT need to quarantine** after a close contact if they are:

- Fully vaccinated and boosted if age 18 or older and eligible for booster
- Fully vaccinated ages 5 -17
- Have had COVID in the last 90 days (with a confirmed viral test)

Isolation is the separation of those individuals who have confirmed or suspected cases of COVID from others, to prevent the transmission of the virus.

Isolation recommendations differ depending on the presence of symptoms.

Student, teachers and staff who test **positive but have no symptoms**

- Isolate for at least 5 days and if still no symptoms, then may end isolation and wear a well-fitting mask when around others for another 5 days.
- If wearing a mask is not possible for the second 5 days, isolate for a full 10 days.
- If symptoms develop, isolation count starts over (resetting the 5 day clock)

Students, teachers and staff who test **positive and have symptoms:**

- Isolate for 5 days, if fever-free for 24 hours and other symptoms are improving, then isolation can end. Wear well-fitting mask when around others for another 5 days.
- If symptoms persist more than 5 days, wait until symptom free for 24 hours