

Return to School Flowchart

A STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE HAS HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19 IN THE PAST 14 DAYS

Does the person have symptoms of COVID-19?

- Fever* 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

*Fever is determined by a measured temperature of 100.4 °F or greater, or feels warm to the touch, or says they have recently felt feverish.

YES

NO

This person does NOT need to quarantine. They should be tested 3-5 days after their last exposure and should wear a face covering until they receive negative test results.

*If this person has a positive test, SEE FLOWCHART FOR POSITIVE TEST RESULTS.

YES

Has this person been fully vaccinated?

Fully vaccinated means at least 2 weeks after their second dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or at least 2 weeks after a single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

NO

Send this person home immediately. Advise them to seek medical attention, including immediate testing for COVID-19.

Send this person home immediately. Recommend testing for COVID-19 5-7 days after their last close contact to the person with COVID-19.

For students with exposures in school settings, quarantine is not required if masks were being worn appropriately and consistently by both the person with COVID-19 and the potential exposed person. This applies to exposures in classrooms, other in-school settings, and school transportation, but does not apply to exposures during extracurricular or athletic activities. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

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Quarantine at home. Avoid others in the household and do not leave home except to seek medical care.

This person can return to school and other activities 14 days after the last contact.

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This person can return to school and other activities up to 14 days after the last contact. They may be allowed to return after 10 days with no symptoms OR after 7 days with no symptoms and a negative test completed after day 5. If quarantine is ended before day 14, they must continue to monitor symptoms daily and strictly follow all prevention steps including wearing a face covering in public until 14 days have passed.

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QUESTIONS?

Contact the Transylvania Public Health nurse line at 828-884-4007.