

**CMS COVID-19
POSITIVE and CLOSE CONTACT QUARANTINE GUIDANCE
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QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION GUIDELINES	
SCENARIOS	When they can return to School? (all timeframes start from the last date of exposure)
POSITIVE TEST: vaccinated or not vaccinated	<p>Can return after 5 days if they did not develop symptoms.</p> <p>IF the individual developed symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they must stay out for at least 5 days <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no fever for at least 24 hours with no medications <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all other symptoms have improved. <p>The positive person must continue to wear a mask for 5 days after return.</p>
SYMPTOMS with a negative test OR alternative diagnosis	<p>Person can return to school when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they have felt well for at least 24 hours.
CLOSE CONTACT: Both positive and exposed wearing a mask in classroom settings (regardless of vaccine status)	If the person who tested positive and the close contacts were wearing a mask in the classroom setting, they <u>do not need to quarantine</u>
CLOSE CONTACT: not up to date with current vaccine requirements for their age and at least one person not masked	(Not up to date with vaccine requirements= eligible but unvaccinated or not boosted after 6 months of full vaccination) Complete 5 days of quarantine and then 5 days of strict mask use. Test after 5 days if possible.
CLOSE CONTACT: fully vaccinated	If a close contact is fully vaccinated (including booster, if eligible) with no symptoms, they do not need to quarantine . It is recommended that they get tested 3-5 days after exposure.
CLOSE CONTACT: previously tested positive (within 3 months)	If a close contact tested positive within 3 months of this exposure and they are not experiencing any symptoms, <u>they do not need to quarantine</u>

*Adhering to precautions includes wearing a mask for the full 10-days, monitoring for symptoms, maintaining distance, and avoiding crowds