

SCENARIO 1

COVID Safety Protocols: Student is a Close Contact of Someone with COVID-19

WHAT TO DO WHEN SOMEONE (HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, FRIEND, OR VISITOR) THAT THE STUDENT WAS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19:

If the Student is Unvaccinated or Not Up to Date on their COVID-19 Vaccines

The student must quarantine for 5 days from the last date of exposure. A negative COVID-19 test does not shorten the quarantine period. Students with mask exemptions must stay home for 10 days.

If the Student is Up to Date on their COVID-19 Vaccines

The student does not need to quarantine after exposure as long as they remain asymptomatic. A negative test is not required to return to school.

When to Test

If the student becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms, they should be tested as soon as possible. Any student, regardless of vaccination status, that experiences symptoms, needs a negative test to return to school. Testing is encouraged for all close contacts (regardless of vaccination status) 5 days from the last date of exposure.

Additional Guidance

Are you up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines doses?

This means:

For people 18 years or older: You received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised people.

For people 5-17 years old: You completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.

Please note, if someone in your household is quarantining due to close contact and remains asymptomatic, other household members (including siblings) are not required to quarantine.

Note: Guidance on required vaccine doses has recently changed. See guidance here: cps.edu/Quarantinesolation



SCENARIO 2

COVID Safety Protocols: Student Is Sick with Any COVID-19 Symptoms

WHAT TO DO IF THE STUDENT IS SICK WITH ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

Call your child's healthcare provider as soon as possible.

They can help determine if your child should be tested for COVID-19 and help schedule a test.

Get student tested for COVID-19

All students should be tested within 24 hours of their symptoms appearing. If the student is unable to be tested within 24 hours, all unvaccinated household members must stay home until the student has test results.

If Test is Positive

The student must isolate for 5 days from the start of their symptoms. Student can return to school in person after 5 calendar days if they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Complete 10 day isolation if feverish after 5 days or for students who have a mask exemption.

- **Household members who are unvaccinated or not up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines** must quarantine for 5 days from their last date of contact with the COVID-positive individual.
- **Household members who are vaccinated or up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines** and who are asymptomatic are not required to quarantine.

If Test is Negative

The student should stay home until they are asymptomatic.

To safely return to school, the following should be true:

- Symptoms have improved.
- Fever-free for 24 hours without medication.
- No uncontrollable cough.
- No vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.

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SCENARIO 3

COVID Safety Protocols: Non-Student Household Member Is Sick with Covid-19 Symptoms

If a healthcare provider determines that the household member should be tested for COVID-19

- **Students and household members who are unvaccinated or not up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines** (regardless of symptoms) should stay home until the household member's results are received. If the test comes back negative, and they are still asymptomatic, they may return to school. If the test comes back positive, they must quarantine for 5 days from their last contact with the COVID-positive person. Students with mask exemption must stay home for 10 days. If the COVID-positive person is not able to fully isolate, all household members who are not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines must stay home for the 5 day isolation period PLUS an additional 5 days, for a total of 10 days.
- **Students who are vaccinated or up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines** (who are asymptomatic) may continue going to school.

If a healthcare provider determines they DO NOT need to be tested for COVID-19

- If the student is asymptomatic (regardless of vaccination status), they may return to school.
- If the student does have symptoms, they should stay home until they are asymptomatic.

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