

**Plans and Processes for K-12 Schools During COVID-19: 2021-2022 Academic Year**

In order to prioritize in-person learning as safely as possible, and in alignment with the requirements in 28 Pa. Code 27, schools must report cases to DOH for contact tracing and quarantine/isolation orders if necessary.

Case reporting process: When the school is notified of/identifies case, the school will begin a school-based investigation:

- Identify and give preliminary exclusion notice to unvaccinated close contacts
- Compile line list of close contacts and notify families of exclusion
- Submit case information and close contact line list to the DOH

Scenario	Isolate/Quarantine	Exceptions
Individual tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If symptomatic - isolate 10 days from the first day of symptoms</li> <li>● If no symptoms - isolate 10 days from the date tested</li> </ul>	No exceptions
<p>Individual is determined to be a non-household close contact of a positive case of COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Close contacts are defined as persons who have been within 6 ft for 15 consecutive minutes or more of a positive case. In some circumstances, 15 cumulative minutes or less than 15 minutes may be used. Additional factors to consider when assessing close contacts include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Being in extremely close proximity (e.g. face to face)</i></li> <li>○ <i>Having prolonged exposure time</i></li> <li>○ <i>The infected persons exhibiting symptoms</i></li> <li>○ <i>The infected person generating respiratory aerosols (e.g., coughing, singing, shouting)</i></li> <li>○ <i>The presence of environmental conditions (e.g., crowding,</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Quarantine for 10 days from the last date of exposure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Quarantine period can end after the 7th day if tested on or after the 5th day of exposure, receive negative test results, and remain symptom-free</li> </ul>	<p>Close contacts <b>without symptoms</b> do not need to quarantine if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fully vaccinated, or</li> <li>● Had COVID-19 within the last three months, or</li> <li>● Has tested positive for COVID-19 antibodies within the last three months, or</li> <li>● (applies to students only) were within 3ft to 6ft in an indoor classroom where both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of a well fitting mask</li> </ul>

<i>inadequate ventilation, or being indoors)</i>		
Individual lives with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and is considered a household contact	Household contact quarantines are 17-24 days. 1. Quarantine: Quarantine with the COVID-19+ household member during their isolation period 2. Second quarantine (10 days) begins after COVID-19+ household member is released from isolation. a. Second quarantine can end after the 7th day if tested on or after the 5th day of the second quarantine period, receive negative test results, and remain symptom-free	Household contacts <b>without symptoms</b> do not need to quarantine if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully vaccinated, or</li> <li>• Had COVID-19 within the last three months, or</li> <li>• Has tested positive for COVID-19 antibodies within the last three months, or</li> </ul>
Individual has COVID-19 symptoms and is awaiting test results	Quarantine until test results received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If negative, can end quarantine</li> <li>• If positive, isolate for 10 days</li> </ul>	No exceptions
Individual has traveled internationally	Quarantine in accordance with CDC travel guidance <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html</a>	No exceptions
Individual was sent home from school with symptoms, but choose to not get tested for COVID-19	Stay home from school until cleared by physician or until individual's symptoms have improved and is fever-free (without fever reducing medication) for 48 hours	No exceptions

*People who are severely ill with COVID-19 might need to isolate longer than the above guidance, and immunocompromised individuals may need to quarantine/isolate longer than the above guidance. Individuals with weakened immune systems should seek individual guidance from school nurses and health care providers.*