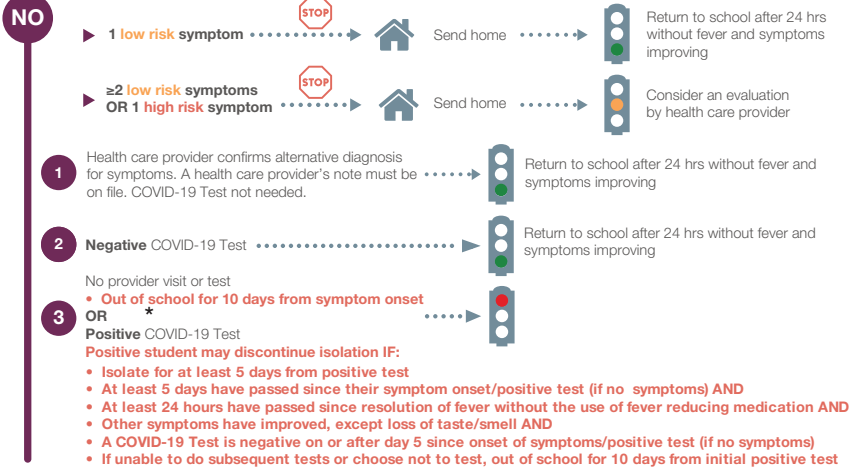


Student Symptom Decision Tree



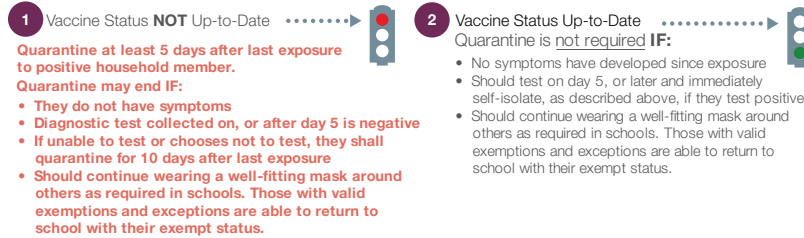
Exposure to a COVID-19 positive person?

within 6 ft of a COVID + or clinically compatible person for >15 min in a 24 hr period, regardless of masking, and occurring in any location (indoor or outdoor)



YES (within 6 feet for >15 min in a 24 hr period, regardless of masking)

➤ **Household Exposure Without Symptoms** (defined as any exposure NOT in the school setting) *



*If symptoms develop, student is considered a presumptive positive. They should isolate and test on day 5.

YES (within 6 feet for >15 min in a 24 hr period, regardless of masking)

➤ **Exposure In School** (defined as on the bus, in the classroom, or during sports/extracurricular activities)

Option 1: Individual Management

Modified Quarantine Exemption

- Student vaccine status is not up-to-date and both exposed student and COVID-19 positive person were wearing masks.

Student may continue attending school in person **IF:**

- The exposed student does not develop any symptoms; AND
- The exposed student continues to wear an appropriately fitting mask; AND
- The exposed student undergoes COVID-19 testing at least twice during the 5-day quarantine period; AND
- The exposed student stays out of all extracurricular activities at school, including sports and activities in the community setting for the entire quarantine period.
- The exposed student may participate in all instructional activities, except activities where a mask cannot be worn (eg. some musical instruments)
- If the exposed student is unable to test or chooses not to test, they shall remain in quarantine for 10 days after last exposure

Option 2: Group Tracing Approach

Schools will notify groups of potentially exposed students defined as:

- Potentially exposed students are those who spent over 15 minutes, in 24 hrs in the same indoor airspace with someone who has COVID-19
- All members of the group are notified regardless of vaccine status, previous COVID-19 disease status, or whether they were masked or not

Notification is to groups of students, rather than individual students, and will include: *

- Exposure to COVID-19 with last known date of exposure
- Continue school attendance as long as they are free of symptoms
- Recommend testing 3-5 days after last exposure
- Continue wearing a well-fitting mask
- If unable to wear a mask, student must quarantine at home until a negative test result is obtained 3-5 days after most recent exposure
- Students may participate in activities wearing an appropriate mask
- If a mask cannot be worn, the student will refrain from that activity until negative COVID-19 test results are obtained 3-5 days after most recent exposure
- If student is part of a routine (weekly) test program, they may continue all activities as long as they remain without symptoms and test negative

*If symptoms develop, student is considered a presumptive positive. They should isolate and test on day 5.

- Definitions:**
- **Exposure** (for individual management approach): Student was within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period
 - **Vaccine status up-to-date:** Persons 12 years and older who have completed a primary series of COVID-19 vaccine and have either received a booster shot or are not yet recommended to receive a booster dose according to CDC guidance. For those <12 years of age, they are considered up-to-date if they have completed their primary series according to CDC guidance.
 - **COVID-19 Test:** Antigen tests, nucleic acid amplification tests (PCR or NAA), or LAMP are acceptable, but **antigen testing is preferred to end isolation.** Home/over-the-counter tests are acceptable.
 - **Resources for COVID Testing:**
 - <https://ocovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing>
 - <https://health.choc.org/guide/covid-19/test>

Low-risk: general symptoms

- Fever (≥100.4°F)
- Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fatigue/muscle or body aches

High-risk: red flag symptoms

- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste/smell



This care pathway was designed to assist school personnel and it not intended to replace the clinician's judgement or establish a protocol for all patients with a particular condition.

Diagnosis and treatment should be under the close supervision of a qualified health care provider, including school nurses.

This guidance is based on current evidence and best data at the time of publication. Updates are provided to reflect changes in knowledge about the impact of the disease on children and adolescents (02.08.2022).

For more detailed guidance, see the California Department of Public Health: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>