

COVID-19: When a student or staff member can return to school:



Purpose: The purpose of this chart is to assist in determining if a student or staff member needs to be excluded for COVID-19.

Definitions:

- **Isolation** means keeping sick people away from healthy ones. This usually means that the sick person rests in their own bedroom or area of the home and stays away from others. This includes staying home from school.
- **Quarantine** means separating people who were around someone who was sick, just in case they get sick. People who were around other sick people are more likely to get sick themselves. Quarantine prevents them from accidentally spreading the virus to other people before they even realize they are sick. Usually people who are in quarantine stay at home and avoid going out or being around other people. This includes staying home from school.
- **Close contact:** An individual is considered a close contact if any of following is true:
 - Were within 6 feet of a positive person for more than 15 minutes total in a day.
 - Had physical contact with the person (hugging, shaking hands).
 - Had direct contact with the respiratory secretions of the person (i.e., from coughing, sneezing, contact with dirty tissue, shared drinking glass, food, or other personal items).
 - Lives with or stayed overnight for at least one night in a household with the person.
- **Household member(s) tested for COVID-19:** All students in the household **MUST** stay home while awaiting COVID test results and inform the school as soon as practical.
- **In all instances of returning to school prior to public health directives, documentation is required from a medical provider stating that it is safe to return to school.**
- **Symptoms:** see visual aid below

