Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings

This chart can help guide quarantine decisions after a student or adult contact is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the classroom setting.

Does the school have ALL of the following in the place?*
1. **M**asking for students and staff (regardless of vaccination status).**
2. Strategies to **maximize physical distancing** (at least 3 feet between desks).
3. Documented **COVID-19 prevention policies** and procedures (identification of individuals experiencing symptoms, strategies to increase ventilation, protocols for cleaning, etc.).

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**Is the contact vaccinated?**

- **No**
  - **No**
    - **Did contact** consistently wear a **mask**?
      - **No**
        - **Contact is recommended to:**
          - Follow normal quarantine procedures, as outlined below.
          - They should **not attend in-person school**. They should **not participate in sports or extracurricular activities**.
          - They can **return to normal** classroom and extracurricular activities after **7 days** if they have received a **negative viral** (PCR or antigen) test that was performed at least **5 days after exposure**.
          - If they **test positive**, they should isolate for at least 10 days from the date of the positive test.
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          - **Wear a mask indoors**, as much as possible, **either** for **14 days** or until they receive a **negative viral** (PCR or antigen) test performed **3-5 days after exposure**.
          - Vaccinated individuals can remain in the normal **in-person** classroom setting and **participate in extracurricular** and sport activities as long as they have no symptoms.
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*This flowchart applies only to COVID-19 exposures that occurred within a K-12 classroom setting. It is not applicable to exposure in the community, extracurricular, or sports environment.

**If masking has not been implemented, local health departments (LHDs) may use this workflow if it can be established that the person WITH COVID-19 and individuals within 3 to 6 feet of the infected person were consistently and correctly wearing masks.