

Enhanced Precautions and Procedures for Asymptomatic Close Contacts



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) continue to recommend quarantine for a full 14 days and recognize that any quarantine shorter than 14 days balances reduced burden against a small possibility of spreading the COVID virus. CDC and IDOH will continue to evaluate and update guidance and recommendations as necessary. Other than a full 14-day quarantine, there are two other options available for schools.

*Asymptomatic Non-Vaccinated Close Contacts:

Enhanced Precautions for asymptomatic non-vaccinated close contacts when returning to the classroom prior to a full 14-day quarantine

- Close contacts may return to extracurriculars including clubs and athletics on Day 15.
- Masked at all times on bus and during school day, no exceptions.
- Maintain distance of at least 3 feet from others at all times during the educational school day. The only time lesser distance of close contact is 3 feet is during the educational portion of the day when everyone is in the classroom and wearing a mask.
- Lunch to be eaten separately from others as mask will be off when eating. Remain 6 feet from others, no exceptions.
- Hand hygiene should be a priority.
- Symptom monitoring daily by parents, as needed by school staff, during the school day.
- If ANY signs or symptoms are identified while at home, student/teacher/staff should NOT come to school and should seek a COVID test.
- If symptoms develop during the school day, individual should be sent home as soon as possible to get a COVID test.
- If COVID test is positive, begin 10 days of isolation starting from the date symptoms began.
- If COVID test is negative, because individual is a close contact, must complete remainder (days 8-14) of 14-day quarantine and remain at home until symptoms improved and 24-hours fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication.

*Asymptomatic Fully-Vaccinated Close Contacts:

Procedures for asymptomatic fully-vaccinated close contacts

- All fully vaccinated asymptomatic individuals (even if a close contact) do not need to quarantine but should monitor for symptoms throughout the 14 days following their exposure and are encouraged to get tested 5-7 days after exposure.
- Hand hygiene should be a priority.
- Symptom monitoring daily by parents, as needed by school staff, during the school day.
- If ANY signs or symptoms are identified while at home, student/teacher/staff should NOT come to school and should seek a COVID test.
- If symptoms develop during the school day, individual should be sent home as soon as possible to get a COVID test.
- If COVID test is positive, begin 10 days of isolation starting from the date symptoms began.
- If COVID test is negative, individuals that are fully vaccinated may return to on-site school and school sponsored activities when symptoms have improved, and they are fever free for 24-hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

*Please note: Household members of close contacts do not need to quarantine unless the close contact develops symptoms. If symptoms develop, household members should quarantine until a negative COVID-19 test is obtained.