

COVID-19 Quarantine Timelines Based on Symptom Decision Tree

At school, a student or staff member develops one or more COVID-19 symptom(s). After applying PPE and isolating the individual, they are sent home. Click on the scenarios below⁺ to view more details about quarantine timelines for close contacts.⁺⁺ Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease so that they cannot spread the disease to others if they themselves develop the illness.

Scenario 1: The symptomatic individual receives a PCR COVID-19 viral test, and the result is **NEGATIVE**. Close contacts do not need to quarantine.

Scenario 2: The symptomatic individual receives a PCR COVID-19 viral test, and the result is **POSITIVE** or a note from a licensed healthcare provider defines the case as **PRESUMED COVID-19 VIRUS** based on symptoms and circumstances. Close contacts are notified and quarantined for 10 days⁺⁺⁺ from last day of exposure.

Scenario 3: The symptomatic individual receives a PCR COVID-19 viral test, and the result is **POSITIVE** or a note from a licensed healthcare provider defines the case as **PRESUMED COVID-19 VIRUS** based on symptoms and circumstances. A close contact in the household (such as a sibling), quarantines. Due to the possibility of re-exposure, quarantine may be extended.

⁺These timelines are valid for the assumptions described in each scenario. Altering factors such as when a symptom appears may alter the scenarios and the timelines. These scenarios are intended to be used as examples and are not exhaustive of all possible timelines for quarantine.

⁺⁺A close contact is a contact with a COVID-19 Patient that occurs anywhere between 48 hours before the COVID-19 Patient's symptoms began (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection), and until the COVID-19 Patient is no longer required to be isolated, and where they: 1. Were within 6 feet of a COVID-19 Patient for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period; or 2. Had unprotected contact with the body fluids and/or secretions (including, but not limited to, being coughed on or sneezed on, sharing utensils, or drinking out of the same container) of a COVID-19 Patient.

⁺⁺⁺For close contacts without symptoms, quarantine may end on Day 11 (from the date of last exposure) with or without testing as long as they can self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms through Day 14 and if symptoms occur, immediately self-isolate and contact their healthcare provider or local public health department and seek testing. Individuals released from quarantine prior to Day 14 must also follow all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions, including consistent use of face coverings and maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet from others, through Day 14.

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Scenario 1: The individual receives a PCR COVID-19 viral test, and the result is **NEGATIVE**. Close contacts do not need to quarantine.

October 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Individual develops symptoms and receives a COVID test later that day 		7 Individual obtains a NEGATIVE test result	8	9	10
		Close contacts remain in school				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Scenario 2: The individual receives a PCR COVID-19 viral test, and the result is **POSITIVE** or a note from a licensed healthcare provider defines the case as **PRESUMED COVID-19 VIRUS** based on symptoms and circumstances. Close contacts are notified and quarantined for 10 days from last exposure. Close contacts are out of school for 10 days (given that they are asymptomatic).

October 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Individual develops symptoms and receives a COVID test later that day (Day 0) 	6 Individual obtains a POSITIVE test result or case is defined as PRESUMPTIVE POSITIVE	7 Close contacts are notified and begin quarantine of 10-days since last exposure to positive case (October 5). 	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 <div style="border: 1px solid #92D050; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Close contacts may return to school on this day (Day 11) if last exposure was October 5</div>	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Scenario 3: The individual receives a PCR COVID-19 viral test, and the result is **POSITIVE** or a note from a licensed healthcare provider defines the case as **PRESUMED COVID-19 VIRUS** based on symptoms and circumstances. A close contact in the household (such as a sibling), quarantines. Due to the possibility of re-exposure, quarantine may be extended.

October 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Positive individual begins isolation. Household member begins quarantine (Day 0)	6	7	8	9	10
		 				
11	12	13	14	15 Positive individual meets criteria to end isolation (Day 10) Household member ends quarantine (Day 10).	16 Positive individual and household member may return to school (Day 11) if there was no contact between case and contacts during isolation and quarantine. If there was contact, household member quarantines for another 10 days from last day of case's isolation period.	17
		  				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						
25 Last day of quarantine for household members if there was contact with the case during initial quarantine and isolation.	26 Household member may return to school on this day (Day 21) if there was exposure during quarantine.	27	28	29	30	31

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SCENARIO 	QUARANTINE 	RETURN TO SCHOOL 
<p>Scenario 1: The individual receives a PCR COVID-19 viral test, and the result is NEGATIVE.</p>	<p>Close contacts do not need to quarantine.</p>	<p>Close contacts remain in school.</p>
<p>Scenario 2: The individual receives a PCR COVID-19 viral test, and the result is POSITIVE or a note from a licensed healthcare provider defines the case as PRESUMED COVID-19 VIRUS based on symptoms and circumstances, or the student/staff member is not tested.</p>	<p>Close contacts are notified and quarantine for 10 days from last exposure to confirmed case.</p>	<p>Close contacts quarantine for 10 complete days since last exposure and can return to school on the 11th day from last exposure.</p>
<p>Scenario 3: The individual receives a PCR COVID-19 viral test, and the result is POSITIVE or a note from a licensed healthcare provider defines the case as PRESUMED COVID-19 VIRUS based on symptoms and circumstances. A close contact in the household (such as a sibling), quarantines.</p>	<p>Close contacts quarantine for 10 days from last exposure to confirmed case. Due to the possibility of re-exposure, quarantine may be extended.</p>	<p>Close contacts quarantine for 10 complete days since last exposure and can return to school on the 11th if they had no contact with the positive case in their household during their quarantine. If there is continued close contact or exposures with the positive case during their quarantine, then the sibling must stay home for an additional 10 days and can return to school on the 21st day.</p>