

This document is designed as an informative reference guide for decision making surrounding various COVID 19 scenarios. If you have personal health concerns, please contact your health provider. This document is subject to change based on information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the State of New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and the local boards of health.

Protocols to be Followed for Various COVID Scenarios	Staff	Student
A Diagnosed with COVID	Do not report to work. Staff member should notify the nurse/supervisor that they have a laboratory positive confirmed case. Infected person stays home for at least 10 days have passed since symptoms onset and 24 hours fever free and other symptoms are improving.	Do not report to work. Student should notify the nurse/principal that they have a laboratory positive confirmed case. Infected person stays home for at least 10 days have passed since symptoms onset and 24 hours fever free and other symptoms are improving.
B Close contacts of an infected person	Any close contacts (identified by nurse, supervisor or employee from contact tracing logs) of the infected person: If <u>vaccinated and exposed</u> - no quarantine is needed unless you start having symptoms. CDC suggests getting tested 3-5 days after exposure regardless of symptoms or not. If <u>unvaccinated and exposed</u> - need to quarantine for 10 days if not getting a COVID test. It is strongly recommended to get tested between day 5-7 from exposure. If test is negative, can return day 8. You may be required to quarantine for the full 14 days, if the COVID activity level goes beyond the low and moderate range. ***If a student or staff member who are unvaccinated refuses to get tested, the case is presumed positive and unvaccinated staff and students will need to quarantine. Contact tracing will be done as if the person was positive.	Any close contacts (identified by nurse, supervisor or employee from contact tracing logs) of the infected person: If <u>vaccinated and exposed</u> - no quarantine is needed unless you start having symptoms. CDC suggests getting tested 3-5 days after exposure regardless of symptoms or not. If <u>unvaccinated and exposed</u> - need to quarantine for 10 days. You may be required to quarantine for the full 14 days, if the COVID activity level goes beyond the low and moderate range.
C Are you experiencing COVID symptoms?	Do not report to work. Contact your principal or supervisor. Get COVID tested. Infected person stays home for at least 10 days since symptoms onset and 24 hours symptom free. Close contacts - see B.	Do not report to school. Contact your school nurse. Get COVID tested. Infected person stays home for at least 10 days since symptoms onset and 24 hours symptom free. Close contacts - see B.
D Fever 100 or higher	If no other COVID symptoms; Remain at home until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.	If no other COVID symptoms; Remain at home until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

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E COVID-like Symptoms but negative test	A Negative test is not necessarily an acceptable document to return to work/school. Testing prior to 5 to 7 days from exposure may result in a false negative so it is recommended that you wait at least 5-7 days from exposure before being tested. If symptoms persist even after a negative test, you may need to retest to be sure you are truly negative. School nurse to work with local health department to determine individual's status and the need for contact tracing.	A Negative test is not necessarily an acceptable document to return to work/school. Testing prior to 5 to 7 days from exposure may result in a false negative so it is recommended that you wait at least 5-7 days from exposure before being tested. If symptoms persist even after a negative test, you may need to retest to be sure you are truly negative. School nurse to work with local health department to determine individual's status and the need for contact tracing.
F Unvaccinated - Living with a diagnosed person	If unvaccinated, stay home until 14 days after last exposure (For a household member the 14 day quarantine period begins after the 10 day isolation period of the household member expires - therefore could potentially be out of school district 24 days) and maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others at all times; use mask and handwashing protocols; self monitor for symptoms; check temperature 2x's per day; Avoid contact with high-risk persons.	If unvaccinated, stay home until 14 days after last exposure (For a household member the 14 day quarantine period begins after the 10 day isolation period of the household member expires - therefore could potentially be out of school district 24 days) and maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others at all times; use mask and handwashing protocols; self monitor for symptoms; check temperature 2x's per day; Avoid contact with high-risk persons.
G Unvaccinated - Living with or been in close proximity with a person quarantined due to suspicion of having COVID and waiting for test results.	If unvaccinated, stay home for 10 days after last exposure and maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others at all times; use mask and hand washing protocols; self monitor for symptoms; check temperature 2x's per day; Avoid contact with high-risk persons. DO NOT report to work until test results of suspected case is received and confirmed negative.	If unvaccinated, stay home for 10 days after last exposure and maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others at all times; use mask and hand washing protocols; self monitor for symptoms; check temperature 2x's per day; Avoid contact with high-risk persons. DO NOT report to school until test results of suspected case is received and confirmed negative.
H Vaccinated - Living with or exposed to a diagnosed or suspected positive case	Follow CDC recommended guidelines for monitoring for symptoms, mask wearing, and social distancing. If become symptomatic refer to A and J	Follow CDC recommended guidelines for monitoring for symptoms, mask wearing, and social distancing. If become symptomatic refer to A and J
I Traveled/household member traveled to NJ restricted location	Supervisor to consider location for travel and whether or not vaccinated - refer to district travel letter for details	Nurse/principal to consider location for travel and whether or not vaccinated - refer to CDC guidelines for details
J Household member is quarantined due to an exposure to a COVID case but household member is not sick and student/staff are not contacts of the COVID case.	Do not exclude from work. If household member becomes sick; follow protocol for scenario F or H.	Do not exclude from school. If household member becomes sick; follow protocol for scenario F or H.

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K Fully vaccinated people with COVID-19 symptoms	Any fully vaccinated person who experiences symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, and tested for SARS-CoV-2 if indicated.	Any fully vaccinated person who experiences symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, and tested for SARS-CoV-2 if indicated.