

COVID-19 EXPOSURES / RETURN TO SCHOOL ALGORITHM

Recs as of 08/15/2021.
Expect changes as emerging data can better guide our response to COVID-19.

All students, teachers and staff members who test positive for COVID-19 and who have contact with students should go through contact tracing to determine which students/staff should be classified as close contacts.

Close contact- defined as anyone within 6 feet of someone who tests positive for COVID-19 ("case") for at least 15 minutes in a 24-hour period (or shorter duration if the contact had been coughed or sneezed on) during the case's "infectious period" (48 hours before the time that the case showed symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19 until the case is cleared from isolation- 24 hours fever-free, respiratory symptoms improved, 10 days from onset of symptoms OR 10 days from positive test if no symptoms.)

EXCEPTION: In an indoor classroom setting, close contact definition excludes students who were within 3-6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if BOTH infected student and exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time. **** This DOES NOT APPLY to teachers, staff or other adults in the indoor classroom setting. Important for adults to maintain 6 feet distance from students in the classroom as often as possible.

Symptoms of COVID-19: fever (subjective or objective of 100 or higher), chills, cough, breathing problems, loss of taste, loss of smell, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, sore throat, headache, muscle aches and congestion/runny nose.**Any single symptom could be suggestive of COVID-19 EXCEPT runny nose. Runny nose alone is low risk for COVID-19.

