### COVID-19 in Schools

Assessing COVID-19 Exposures in K-12 School Settings Without Universal Use of Masks

This chart can help guide quarantine decisions for COVID-19 exposures that occur in school settings.

#### Determine case's infectious period based on the date of onset of symptoms:

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<th>First date of infectious period</th>
<th>Date of onset of symptoms (or COVID-19 test if asymptomatic)</th>
<th>Last date of infectious period</th>
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<td>2 days prior to onset.</td>
<td>_____ / _____ / ____</td>
<td>5 days after onset.</td>
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Was the COVID-19 case in school or a participant in school activities during infectious period?

- **YES**
  - No at school exposures need to be assessed. The case should self-isolate away from school until after the last day of the infectious period. Individuals exposed to the case outside of school may need to quarantine (e.g., household contacts).

- **NO**
  - Contact does not need to quarantine as long as they have NO symptoms.

#### Was anyone < 6 feet* of the case for > 15 minutes during the infectious period?

- **YES**
  - Contact should:
    - Wear a mask indoors.
    - May remain in the normal in-person classroom setting and participate in extracurricular and sport activities as long as they have no symptoms.
    - Be tested 5-7 days after exposure. If they test positive they should isolate for at least 5 days from the date of the positive test.

- **NO**
  - Has the contact had a documented COVID-19 infection (positive PCR or antigen test) in the prior three months?
    - **NO**
      - Is the contact up-to-date** with COVID-19 vaccine?
        - **NO**
          - Contact does not need to quarantine as long as they have NO symptoms.
        - **YES**
          - Contact should: Quarantine away from school and extracurricular activities for:
            - 10 full days if no they have NO symptoms; or
            - 5 days if they have NO symptoms and test negative (PCR or antigen) on or after day 5 of quarantine and can properly wear a well-fitting mask for 5 additional days.
            If a school has a modified quarantine "test to stay" program, persons may continue to attend school if they have no symptoms and receive repeated negative COVID-19 tests.

***Up-to-date includes children 5-17 years old who have completed their primary vaccine series ≥14 days prior to the exposure and adults ≥18 years old who have completed their primary mRNA (Pfizer/Moderna) vaccine series < 5 months prior, their J&J/Janssen vaccine < 2 months prior, or have received their booster.

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