Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings

This chart can help guide quarantine decisions after a student or adult contact is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the classroom setting.

Does the school have ALL of the following in the place?* 1. Masking for students and staff (regardless of vaccination status).** 2. Strategies to maximize physical distancing (at least 3 feet between desks). 3. Documented COVID-19 prevention policies and procedures (identification of individuals experiencing symptoms, strategies to increase ventilation, protocols for cleaning, etc.). No Yes Is the contact vaccinated? No Yes Did contact consistently wear a mask? Contact is recommended to: Individuals can safely remain in the Wear a mask indoors, as much as possible, either for 14 days or until normal in-person classroom setting and they receive a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test performed 3-5 days participate in extracurricular and sport No Yes after exposure. activities as long as they have no Vaccinated individuals can remain in the normal in-person classroom symptoms. setting and participate in extracurricular and sport activities as long as Contact is recommended to: they have no symptoms. Follow normal quarantine procedures, as outlined If they test positive, they should isolate for at least 10 days from the date below. of the positive test. They should not attend in-person school. They should not participate in sports or extracurricular Contact is recommended to: Wear a mask indoors, as much as possible, either for 14 days or until 7 activities. days if they receive a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test performed at They can return to normal classroom and least 5 days after exposure. extracurricular activities after 7 days if they have received a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test that They can remain in the normal in-classroom setting and participate in was performed at least 5 days after exposure. extracurricular and sport activities as long as they have no symptoms. If they test positive, they should isolate for at least If they test positive, they should isolate for at least 10 days from the date 10 days from the date of the positive test. of the positive test. Department of Health

^{*}This flowchart applies only to COVID-19 exposures that occurred within a K-12 classroom setting. It is not applicable to exposure in the community, extracurricular, or sports environment.

^{**}If masking has not been implemented, local health departments (LHDs) may use this workflow if it can be established that the person WITH COVID-19 and individuals within 3 to 6 feet of the infected person were consistently and correctly wearing