OSSE Health and Safety TA Call

Monday, March 14 2022

Agenda

- Resource Updates

- DC Health Data Update

- Guidance Updates Based on Low Community Level

  - Masks

  - Screening Testing

- Close Contact Updates and Vaccination Status Reminders

- Test to Stay

Updated DC Health Guidance for Educational Facilities

- DC Health released updated Guidance for Educational Facilities on March 8, 2022.

- Updates include, but are not limited to, the following:

  - Combines guidance for schools, child care facilities, and institutions of higher education;
  - **Aligns prevention measures to community transmission levels;**
  - Removes recommendation for physical distancing;
  - **Provides LEAs with the flexibility to issue their own mask requirements while lifting the DC Health mandate for masks;**
  - Shortens the length of quarantine to five days for individuals age 2 and older if the individual receives a negative test result on day 5;
  - Shortens the length of isolation to five days for individuals age 2 and older if the individual receives a negative test result on day 5.
  - Provides greater flexibility for schools to use their judgment when making decisions on what symptoms require individuals to stay home;
  - Changes reporting requirements to only require a report to DC Health when a school hits a defined threshold of cases.

Resource Updates

Guidance Sources and Links

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health and Safety Guidance Sources for Schools and Child Care Facilities

The DC Health Guidance for Child Care Facilities, Schools and Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) is the primary guidance document for education facilities in the District of Columbia. The guidance contains information for reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission in educational facilities, including information on the following topics:

- Masks
- Quarantine
- Reporting
- Screening Testing
- Symptom-Based Exclusion

The following table includes resources that may supplement the DC Health Guidance for Child Care Facilities, Schools and IHE. Additional resources are available on the OSSE COVID-19 Guidance and Resources webpage and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) website. Please note that these websites are updated frequently and may include information not reflected in the table below.

Topic	Sub-Topic	Guidance Source	Link
COVID-19 Vaccination Status	General Definition	CDC's Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines	www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html
	Allowance for Ages 12-17 to be Quarantine Exempt with Only Primary Series	CDC's Overview of COVID-19 Quarantine for K-12 Schools	www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-contact-tracing/about-quarantine.html
Isolation	Isolation Requirements	DC Health Guidance for Isolation: People who Test Positive for COVID-19 and Their Household Members	coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page_content/attachments/COVID-19_DC_Health_People_Who_Test_Positive_2022-01-31.pdf
Masks	Requirements for Adults and Student-Athletes with Medical or Religious Exemptions to the COVID-19 Vaccine	Mayor's Order 2021-109 - COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for Adults Regularly in Schools or Child Care Facilities and for Student-Athletes	coronavirus.dc.gov/page/mayors-order-2021-109-covid-19-vaccination-requirement-adults-regularly-schools-or-child-care
Quarantine	Quarantine Instructions for Individuals with Household Members with COVID-19	DC Health Guidance for Close Contacts of a Person Confirmed to have COVID-19: Quarantine and Testing	coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page_content/attachments/Close_Contacts_and_Quarantine_DC_Health_COVID-19_Guidance_03-08-22.pdf
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Symptoms	List of COVID-19 Symptoms	CDC's Symptoms of COVID-19	www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html
	Recommendation for a Using a NAAT Test to Return after Symptoms	CDC's Guidance for Antigen Testing for SARS-CoV-2 for Healthcare Providers Testing Individuals in the Community	www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/resources/antigen-tests-guidelines.html
Test to Stay	Test to Stay Guidance	CDC's What to Know About COVID-19 Testing in Schools	www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/what-you-should-know.html#anchor_1642695652184

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Updated Return Matrix

- Available on the COVID-19 Guidance and Resources page

- Removes the following scenarios:
  - Close Contact with Develops Symptoms of COVID-19
    - Anyone with symptoms must follow the return criteria outlined in Scenario 1
  - Individual with a Symptomatic Household Member
  - Travel

Scenario 3: Negative COVID-19 Test Result After Symptoms of COVID-19

3. Negative COVID-19 Test Result (Antigen or NAAT) After Symptoms of COVID-19	Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination, Had COVID-19 and Recovered in the Last 90 Days, OR Unvaccinated or Not Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination
	• <u>If negative NAAT:</u> When meet standard criteria to return after illness (the individual facility's existing policies and protocols for an individual to return after illness). • <u>If negative antigen:</u> recommend confirming result with a negative NAAT.

Example 1: Returning After Symptoms and a Negative Test Result

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- She still did not feel well on Saturday, so she took an antigen test. The test result was negative.

- When can Florence return to school?

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- When can Florence return to school?

  - **It is recommended that Florence get a NAAT (e.g., PCR) in order to confirm the negative antigen test.**

  - **LEAs may choose to implement their own policies to make this recommendation a requirement.**

  - **If the school has a policy to require a confirmatory NAAT, then Florence may return to school when she receives the negative NAAT and meets standard criteria to return after illness.**

Questions on the Guidance Source Table or Return Criteria

CDC Community Levels

What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID–19 Community Level?

Low	Medium	High
• Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms	• If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms	• Wear a mask indoors in public • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms • Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Masks are required on public transportation and may be required in other places by local or state authorities.

DC's Community Level

COVID-19 County Check

Find community levels and prevention steps by county.

Select a Location (all fields required)

| District of Columbia ⌄ | District of Columbia County ⌄ | Go |

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🟢 **Low**

In **District of Columbia County, District of Columbia**, community level is **Low**.

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines

- Get tested if you have symptoms

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People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

Guidance Updates Based on Low Community Level

Masks

- Most people no longer need to wear masks indoors or outdoors at schools unless COVID-19 community levels are HIGH.

- If COVID-19 community levels are MEDIUM, people who are immunocompromised or at higher risk for severe COVID-19 should wear a mask or respirator indoors at schools.

- **Mask mandates can be introduced by schools as needed.**

- Individuals may still <u>choose</u> to wear masks (staff, students and families).

Remaining Mask Requirements

Symptoms of COVID-19 Develop
- Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 while at school must put on a mask or respirator, leave the school, and begin isolation.

Ending Isolation before Day 10
- Anyone who ends isolation early and returns to school on day 6 must continue wearing a mask through day 10.

Medical or Religious Exemption to the COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate
- Staff and student-athletes who have not received the COVID-19 vaccination due to having an approved medical or religious exemption must continue wearing masks, per *Mayor's Order 2021-109*.

OSSE DOT Buses
- Masks will be required on OSSE DOT buses until Wednesday, March 16.

- Anyone **who ends quarantine early and returns to school on day 6** *is recommended* to continue wearing a mask through day 10.

Screening Testing

- Per the DC Health Guidance, screening testing is not necessary when COVID-19 community levels are LOW.

  ▪ Consider screening testing in educational facilities when COVID-19 community levels are MEDIUM or HIGH.

- **Reminder: Local legislation requires that schools continue asymptomatic screening testing of 20 percent of students through April 1, 2022.**

Questions on Masks or Screening Testing

Close Contact Updates and Vaccination Status Reminders

Reminder: Close Contact Definition

- Someone who was within **6 feet** of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 for a cumulative **15 minutes or more** over a **24-hour period**, while that person was infectious.

COVID-19 Positive

Close Contact

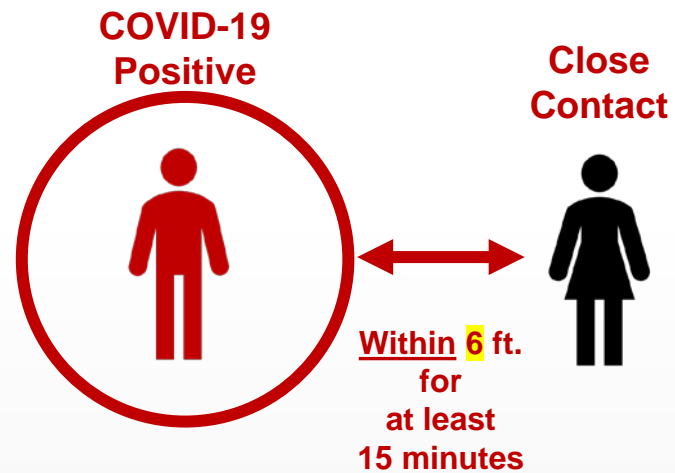**Within 6 ft. for at least 15 minutes**
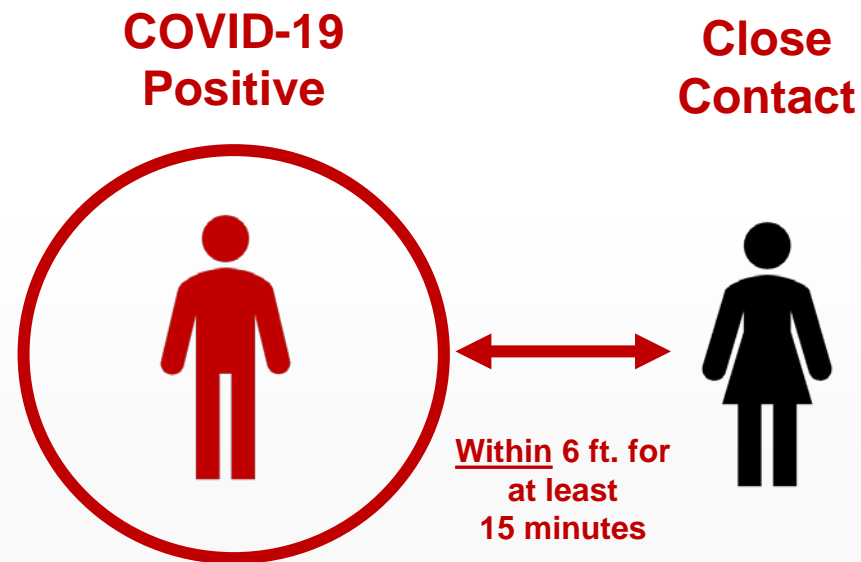
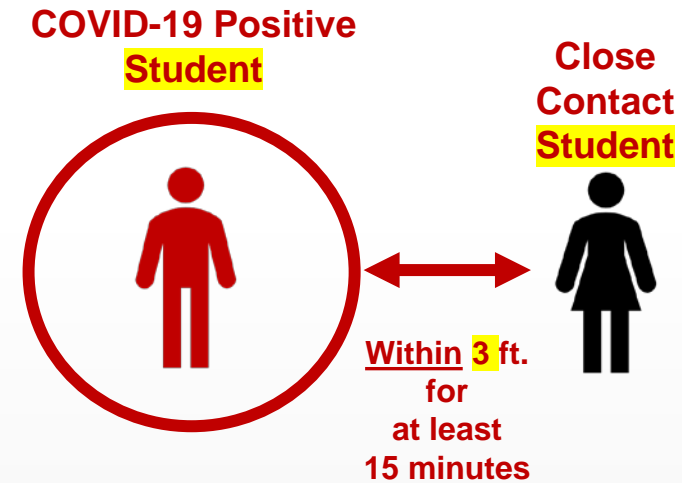# Close Contact Definition Exception

- In the school (pre-K-Grade 12 and adult education) indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes **students** who were within **3 to 6 feet** of an **infected fellow student**.

  - **Note: The exception no longer requires that the students were wearing masks at the time of exposure.**

Close Contacts

Standard Definition

In the Indoor Classroom Setting:
Student to Student Interactions within 3 Feet

COVID-19 Positive

Close Contact

Within **6** ft. for at least 15 minutes

COVID-19 Positive Student

Close Contact Student

Within **3** ft. for at least 15 minutes

Vaccination Status Reminder

- The following are considered **up to date on COVID-19 vaccination:**

  - People age 18 and older who have received all recommended vaccine doses, including booster doses as applicable.

  - Children ages 5-17 who have completed their primary vaccine series.

- These individuals as well as anyone who has had COVID-19 and recovered in the last 90 days **do not need to quarantine after close contact** with someone with confirmed COVID-19.

CDC Guidance for Quarantine for Students Ages 12-17

- To allow time for students to catch up with the latest recommendations and to minimize disruption to in-person learning, schools may consider **forgoing quarantine for students ages 12-17 years who completed their primary vaccine series** but have not yet received all eligible boosters.

Impact of Vaccination Status

The following <u>are not required to quarantine</u> after close contact with someone with confirmed COVID-19:

- Any individual who is up to date on COVID-19 vaccination

- Any individual who has had COVID-19 and recovered in the last 90 days

Example 2: Vaccination Status

Are the following individuals up to date on COVID-19 vaccination?

Person	Age	Doses Received	Time Since Most Recent Shot	Vaccination Status
Wanda	25 years old	Two doses of Pfizer	7 months	**Not up to date** because she is eligible for a booster shot and has not yet received it.
Bonnie	6 years old	Two doses of Pfizer	6 months	**Yes up to date** because she is not yet eligible for a booster dose due to her age.
Luis	37 years old	Two doses of Moderna	4 months	**Yes up to date** because he is not yet eligible for the booster dose because it has been less than five months since his second dose.
Anita	13 years old	Two doses of Pfizer + booster	5 days	**Yes up to date** because she has received her booster dose. She is considered up to date as soon as she received her booster.
Francis	16 years old	Two doses of Pfizer	6 months	**Yes up to date** because he is under 18 years old and has completed his primary vaccine series.

COVID-19 Vaccination Status Reminder

	Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination	Not Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccination	Unvaccinated

Age 18 and Older	Completed **all recommended vaccine doses, including booster doses as applicable**.
	• This includes unboosted people who completed their primary vaccine series:
	   • Less than five months ago (for the mRNA vaccines: Pfizer or Moderna)
	   • Less than two months ago (for the J&J vaccine)
		Have <u>not</u> received all recommended vaccine doses.
		• This includes unboosted people who completed their primary vaccine series:
		   • At least five months ago (for the mRNA vaccines: Pfizer or Moderna)
		   • At least two months ago (for the J&J vaccine)
			Have received no doses of COVID-19 vaccine

Age 12-17	Completed their **primary vaccine series** (two doses of Pfizer vaccine)	Have <u>not</u> completed their primary vaccine series (two doses of Pfizer vaccine)	Have received no doses of COVID-19 vaccine
Age 5-11	Completed **their primary vaccine series** (two doses of Pfizer vaccine)	Have <u>not</u> completed their primary vaccine series (two doses of Pfizer vaccine	Have received no doses of COVID-19 vaccine

Questions on Close Contacts or Vaccination Status

Test to Stay

CDC's Guidance on Test to Stay (TTS)

- Open to people who:
  - Are a school-associated close contact;
  - Are not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines;
  - Do not test positive for COVID-19; and
  - Have no symptoms.
  - **NOTE: There is no longer a requirement that the COVID-19 positive individual and the close contact were masked at the time of exposure.**

- TTS participants should get tested at least upon notification of their close contact and again five to seven days after their last close contact with someone with COVID-19.
  - Testing frequency after a close contact can vary (for example, from twice in a seven-day period to daily), but more frequent testing can more quickly identify students who become infected with COVID-19 and need to isolate.

CDC's Guidance on Test to Stay (TTS)

Students who participate in TTS should:

- Properly wear well-fitting masks while in school; and

- Stay home and isolate if they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.

Schools considering TTS should:

- Have robust contact tracing in place and access to testing resources, among other layered prevention strategies.

- **Schools may have mask optional policies and still implement TTS.**

Reporting

School Type	When Identify One Case of COVID-19	When Identify 5 or More Cases of COVID-19 within a 5 Day Period
Public Charter Schools	• Report to OSSE Positive Case Response Team via the Quickbase application. • Complete contact identification.	• OSSE Positive Case Response Team will track when this threshold is met. • OSSE Positive Case Response Team will report to DC Health.
DCPS	• Continue following instructions from DCPS.	• Continue following instructions from DCPS.
Private, Parochial, and Independent Schools	• Complete contact identification.	• School reports bundle of cases to DC Health via RedCap.

Questions on Test to Stay

Questions

- Guidance questions: OSSE.HealthandSafety@dc.gov
- Testing questions: COVIDSchoolTesting@dc.gov