

Exclusion Decision Tree

For more information visit: [IDPH COVID-19 Interim Exclusion Guidance for Schools](#) revised 9/29/2021.

Status	Exclude Individual	Exclude Close Contacts	Criteria to Return Home COVID test kits are NOT accepted
Confirmed COVID Case or probable COVID *	Exclude at least 10 days since symptom onset or 10 days since test date if asymptomatic.	Yes.	After 10 days (day 11), 24 hours fever free w/o meds, improved symptoms
Symptomatic individual *(COVID-19 like symptoms) with negative COVID test within 48 hours of symptom onset	Exclude until symptoms have improved	No.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When symptoms have improved. 24 hours fever free w/o meds 48 hours after diarrhea/vomiting have ceased, and symptoms have improved.
Symptomatic individual *(COVID-19 like symptoms) w/o COVID test	Exclude 10 days	Exclude household members if individual does not get a negative COVID test w/in 24 hours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May return after negative PCR or Antigen COVID test 24 hours fever free w/o meds 48 hours after diarrhea/vomiting have ceased, and symptoms have improved. or 10 days (Day 11)
Close Contact of individual diagnosed with COVID - Unvaccinated	Exclude at least 10 days. Exclusion period may extend to 17-24 days in special circumstances.	No	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> After 10 days (day 11), 24 hours fever free w/o meds, no symptoms. After 7 days (day 8) with a negative COVID PCR test on day 6 or later AND symptom free AND must be able to adhere to masking After 17-24 days for special circumstances.
Close Contact of individual diagnosed with COVID - Vaccinated	No exclusion necessary if asymptomatic. Test on Day 3 to 5 after exposure. Self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days. Adhere to masking guidelines.	No.	None, if asymptomatic

***for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals**

Definitions:

- Confirmed Case** means a person with a positive result on a COVID-19 molecular amplification diagnostic test (e.g. Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test), irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms.
- Close Contact** means an unvaccinated student who was less than 3 feet for at least 15 minutes with a Confirmed or Probable Case in a 24-hour period.
 - Does not include a student who was within 3-6 feet in a classroom setting for least 15 minutes with a Confirmed Case or Probable Case if both case and contact were consistently masked for the entire exposure period.
 - Does not include individuals who are fully vaccinated or
 - Does not include individual who tested positive for COVID-19 within prior 90 days and are currently asymptomatic.
- Probable Case** means a person with a positive result on a COVID-19 antigen diagnostic test, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms, or with COVID-19-like symptoms who was exposed to a Confirmed or Probable Case.
- COVID-19-like symptoms** include the following: Fever (100.4°F or higher), new onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, new loss of sense of taste or smell, fatigue from unknown cause, muscle or body aches from unknown cause