COVID-19 School Isolation & Quarantine

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References supporting this document are linked in document and/or provided at bottom of chart. Refer to links for further guidance.

Symptom Screening Recommendations

- Individual should be tested for COVID-19.
- If test result is negative: OR doctor’s note with differential diagnosis, return to school after 24 hours afebrile and resolving respiratory symptoms
- If test result is positive: or individual is unable/refuses to get tested, follow guidance for isolation for COVID-19

Isolation Requirements for Covid-19

Per Montgomery County Public Health Code, pertaining to the reporting, isolation, quarantine, and respective disease control measures (including contact tracing) for the control of communicable diseases.

Positive COVID-19 PCR or Antigen (Point of Care) Test

**WITH SYMPTOMS**

- May return to school after:
  - 24 hours with no fever AND
  - Resolving symptoms AND
  - 5 days since symptoms first appeared
  - Masks worn around others days 6-10

**WITHOUT SYMPTOMS**

- May return to school after:
  - 5 days after specimen was collected
  - Masks worn around others days 6-10
  - If symptoms develop during the 5 days, follow return to school guidance for positive PCR or Antigen test

Quarantine Requirements for Covid-19

Per Montgomery County Public Health Code, pertaining to the reporting, isolation, quarantine, and respective disease control measures (including contact tracing) for the control of communicable diseases.

**COVID VACCINATION EXCEPTION**

People do NOT need to quarantine after an exposure if they meet ONE of the following criteria:

- Age 18 or older and have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters if eligible, and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised people*
- Age 5-17 years and completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines* and remain asymptomatic since last exposed

**COVID-19 RECENT INFECTION EXCEPTION**

People who had a positive diagnostic test for Covid-19 within the last 90 days before their last exposure do not need to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic.

- Wear a mask in around others for 10 days after exposure

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CDC: What we know about Quarantine and Isolation
605 10/15/21 - UPD - Point of Care Antigen Test Use and Interpretation
CDC Updates and Shortens Recommended Isolation and Quarantine Period for General Population
*Individuals are not considered fully vaccinated until 14 days after the complete primary series and/or booster

Quarantine and Isolation Calculator (TN Dept. of Health)
601-10/1/2021 - UPD ADV - Quarantine Recommendations After SARS-CoV-2 Antibody Test
615 12/30/2021- UPD - Isolation and Quarantine Periods for Covid-19 for the General Population