**COVID-19 School Isolation & Quarantine**

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**COVID-19 Symptoms**

- Two of the following: fever (measured or subjective), chills, fatigue, myalgia, headache, sore throat, congestion or running nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- OR
- One of the following: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell

**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 improved respiratory symptoms (refer to MCOPH Public Health Advisory released on 10/11/2021 for interpretation of Antigen Test Results in the K-12 setting).
- If test result is positive or individual is unable/refuses to get tested, may return to school after:
  - 24 hours with no fever and
  - Improvement in symptoms and
  - 10 days since symptoms first appeared

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**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**

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**Quarantine Requirements for Covid-19***

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**Close Contact to Positive**

- Within 6 ft for 15 minutes or more
- Household contact

**Exception:** In the K-12 indoor classroom setting or a structured outdoor setting where mask use can be observed, the close contact definition excludes students who were between 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where:
- Both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks
- This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom or structured outdoor setting.

**If testing resources are sufficient, close contacts should be tested regardless of symptoms. If an unvaccinated individual is tested, regardless of the reason, they should stay home and isolate until the results are back.

**COVID-19 VACCINATION EXCEPTION**

People who were vaccinated against COVID-19 do NOT need to quarantine after another person with COVID-19 if they meet ALL of the following criteria:
- They are fully vaccinated (i.e. ≥2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine) AND
- They have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure

Fully Vaccinated should get tested 5-7 days after a known exposure AND wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days OR until they receive a negative test result.

**COVID-19 RECENT INFECTION EXCEPTION**

People who had a positive diagnostic test for Covid-19 within the last 90 days before their exposure do not need to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic. These persons are recommended to wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days after exposure.