

Exclusion criteria for persons with COVID-19, COVID-19 compatible symptoms and close contacts ¹

| | Low Risk | Moderate Risk | High Risk | Very High Risk |
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| COVID-19 positive (viral test), symptomatic or asymptomatic | Exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria Identify and exclude school-based contacts for 10 days (in absence of testing) from last exposure and report to local health department. | Exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria Identify and exclude school-based contacts for 10 days (in absence of testing) from last exposure and report to local health department. | Exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria Identify and exclude school-based contacts for 14 days from last exposure and report to local health department. | Further recommendations will be based on additional circumstances and available resources at that time |
| COVID-19 - compatible symptoms but not tested for COVID-19 | If no potential exposure to a COVID-19 case in the last 14 days, individual can follow NJDOH School Exclusion List If person has potential exposure to COVID-19 in the last 14 days, exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria | Exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria | Exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria | |
| COVID-19 - compatible symptoms and negative COVID-19 test (viral test) ² | Exclude individual through 24 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms improve | Exclude individual through 24 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms improve | Exclude individual through 24 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medications and other symptoms improve | |
| Close contact of staff or student with COVID-19 ^{3,4} | Close contacts of a COVID-19 case who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for 10 days (in absence of testing) from date of last contact ⁵ | Close contacts of a COVID-19 case who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for 10 days (in absence of testing) from date of last contact ⁵ | Close contacts of a COVID-19 case who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for 14 days from date of last contact ⁵ | |

1. In all risk levels, students and staff **who are not fully vaccinated** and who are household members of a student/staff member with COVID-19 compatible symptoms that meet [COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria](#) should be excluded from school until the symptomatic individual receives a negative test result. If the symptomatic individual tests positive, the household member will need to quarantine.

2. Symptomatic individuals with high likelihood of COVID-19 (for example, who are close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases **or who have had suspected exposure to a person with COVID-19 AND who are not fully vaccinated AND have not had COVID-19 in the past 3 months**) who test negative by rapid antigen test should undergo confirmatory testing with a molecular test (for example RT-PCR)

3. Fully vaccinated persons who have close contact with someone with COVID-19 do NOT need to be excluded from school if they are asymptomatic but should be referred for testing 3-5 days after exposure.

4. Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 90 days who have close contact with someone with COVID-19 and are asymptomatic do NOT need to be excluded from school and do not need to be tested.

5. In outbreak settings, close contacts of COVID-19 cases who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for 14 days from date of last