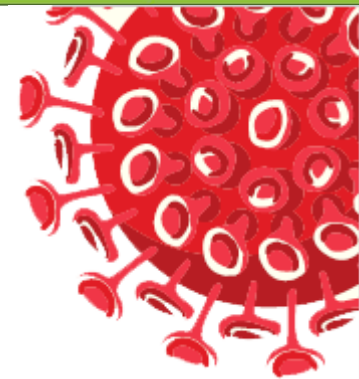


## How to handle symptoms and household exposures of students, staff, and faculty?



**1.** Do they have 2 or more Low Risk or 1 High Risk Symptom(s) of COVID-19 without exposure to a COVID+ person?

Yes, Symptoms

Are they waiting for COVID-19 test results?

**Yes, waiting on test results:**

- The individual is excluded from school until test results come back. If positive, they must follow isolation guidance.
- If a negative PCR test result is received, the student/staff may return based on guidance for predominate symptoms.

**No testing has been conducted:**

- Students may return to school if their physician evaluates and provides an alternate diagnosis for symptoms. Student/Staff may return after 24 hours without fever and symptoms improve based on guidance for diagnosis/predominate symptoms.

**OR**

The student/staff person is **excluded** from school until:

- Minimum 10 days from symptom onset have passed
- Fever free 24 hours without using fever reducing medicine
- Significant improvement in symptoms

**2.** Are they a close contact of a known COVID+ case?

**Yes, Close Contact:**

The student/staff person is excluded from school until:

- 14 days\* have passed from last known exposure to the COVID+ person.
- **Note:** Receiving a negative COVID-19 test result will not change the length of the quarantine period, and does not allow them to return to school or extracurricular activities early.

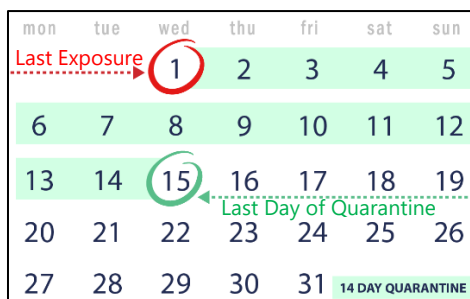


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\*Number of days may change under certain circumstances or exceptions determined by TLCHD epidemiologists.

**3.** Do they live in a home with a symptomless quarantined person?

**Yes:**

- Contacts of a quarantined person without symptoms (e.g., household members) are considered “contacts of a contact” and may continue to attend school and should monitor for symptoms.
- Household members should try to physically distance themselves from quarantined persons by using separate bedrooms and bathrooms as much as possible.
- If a household contact of a quarantined person develops symptoms, they should stay home and call their medical provider to be tested for COVID-19.

If a student or staff member has no symptoms, has not had contact with a confirmed positive individual, is not being isolated or quarantined for COVID-19 or live with someone being isolated, they may attend school. This document may not cover all scenarios. If you have other COVID-19 exposure concerns at school, please contact your local health department for guidance.