

**Lucas County
Back to School
COVID-19 Guidance
2021 - 2022**

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As the pandemic response continues to evolve, this guidance is subject to change.
This document may not cover all scenarios.

Guidance Updates for 2021-2022 School Year

Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to control the COVID-19 pandemic as well as many other vaccine preventable diseases.

- Ohio schools are responsible for implementing measures and restrictions deemed necessary to address the impact and spread of COVID-19 in their buildings, on their grounds, and during transportation. The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department is providing recommendations to assist Lucas County K-12 schools in their planning based on guidance currently available from the Ohio Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- School Transportation: CDC's Public Transportation Order applies to all public transportation conveyances including school buses. **Regardless of the mask policy at school**, passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems, subject to the exclusions and exemptions in [CDC's Order](#). **Masks are required regardless of vaccination status**. More information is [Available Here](#).
- **The CDC continues to recommend schools follow COVID-19 prevention measures implemented during the 2020-2021 school year.**
 - These prevention measures include **universal** and correct use of masks by staff and students and physical distancing of a minimum of 3 feet (6 feet preferred) in the classroom (6 feet required in some settings).
 - Per the CDC, masks **should** be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated when around non-household members.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that all students (age 2 and older), along with staff, **should** wear masks in school, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, unless medical or developmental conditions prohibit use.
 - Universal masking provides protection against other respiratory illness that would also take time away from school

Isolation and quarantine fall under the public health authority granted by the Ohio Revised Code. Isolation and quarantine requirements for individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who are exposed to a positive individual have **NOT** changed for the 2021-2022 school year, except for considerations of vaccination status or alternative quarantine pathways.

Mask to Stay, Test to Play Guidance and Key Recommendations

The Ohio Department of Health has released an alternative quarantine pathway to support and promote consistent in-school learning and social development for the greater benefit of students.

Universal masking is recommended to reduce the exposure risk to all people in the classroom setting.

The existing best practices of layering mitigation strategies (encouraging vaccination, mask wearing, and physical distancing) within the classroom setting should continue to be utilized to reduce the risk of transmission and keep our children and our communities safe.

Mask to Stay / Test to Play Eligibility & Clarifications

- The “**Mask to Stay/Test to Play**” guidance applies to any school students or staff exposed to COVID-19.
 - **Individuals should follow normal at-home quarantine rules outside of school-related activities for the duration of their quarantine period.** This minimizes the risk of further community spread if an individual does develop illness.
- **Mask to Stay and Test to Play cannot be interchanged.**
 - To participate in extracurricular activities, close contacts **MUST** be tested as indicated below. **Determining close contacts who may have been exposed should not be delayed** as individuals may convert quickly, and delayed identification can increase the risk of additional spread from asymptomatic, infected individuals.
- Schools should be aware that environments where masking cannot be maintained, such as the lunchroom, are higher risk for transmission. Schools should maximize physical distancing, make efforts to improve ventilation, and reduce mixing of students to the greatest extent possible.

Who is eligible?

- **Mask to Stay** eligibility applies to all **asymptomatic** students and school staff exposed to COVID-19 in any setting. To remain in the classroom, the criteria must be followed regardless of vaccination or masking status at the time of the exposure.
- **Test to Play** eligibility applies to unvaccinated individuals who would otherwise be required to quarantine at home after an exposure. To participate in any extracurricular activity, the testing and masking criteria must be followed.
 - Vaccinated individuals, or those who have recently tested positive (less than 90 days from most recent exposure), do not need to be tested to continue participation in extracurricular activities but do need to wear a mask as indicated. **Anyone who develops symptoms after exposure needs to isolate.**
- **Not applicable** for daycare centers or preschools, including preschools within K-12 schools or private kindergartens in daycare settings. Daycares are at high risk for extensive SARS-CoV-2 transmission due to the inherent close interactions between contacts within the setting, the population of individuals ineligible for COVID-19 vaccination, and the inability for all participants to wear masks consistently, correctly, or at all. These environments are distinct from the K-12 school environment, and the school guidance is not applicable to these settings.

- Vaccinated students who are asymptomatic should be tested 5 days after exposure to reduce the risk of asymptomatic spread. This recommendation is separate from Test to Play criteria.

Are there physical distancing requirements/length of exposure?

- There is not a physical distancing requirement within the Mask to Stay criteria. **Best practice for distancing is a minimum of 3ft with everyone masked, 6ft if the individual is not masked.**
- Individuals who meet the close contact definitions are still considered close contacts even though they may be able to remain in school with this guidance if asymptomatic.

Mask to Stay Criteria

- Direct contacts, regardless of vaccination or masking status, may remain in the classroom environment if they do the following:
 - **Wear a mask for 10 days** after their last date of exposure (day zero);
 - **Self or Parent-Monitor for symptoms** for 10 days after their last date of exposure (day zero);
 - **Immediately isolate and get tested** if they start to experience symptoms associated with COVID-19 (regardless of the level of severity).
- ***Any individuals who cannot wear a mask consistently due to medical or age-related reasons must isolate/quarantine at home for a minimum of 10 days.***

Test to Play Criteria

- Extracurricular activities that require the removal of a well-fitting face covering and minimal distancing for participation must follow the test-to-play criteria.
- Close contacts who are ***asymptomatic*** and have not tested positive may continue to participate in extracurricular activities if the following conditions are met:
 - **They wear a mask to the greatest extent possible:** anytime it will not interfere with breathing, the activity, or create a safety hazard.
 - This includes on transportation, in locker rooms, while sitting/standing on the sidelines, etc.
 - **Get a COVID-19 test** within 24 hours of initial exposure notification.
 - Individuals do not have to wait for the test result to continue participation in the activity.
 - Getting a 2nd test on day 5 after exposure **is strongly recommended.**
 - **Tests must be proctored** to meet the criteria above.

Proctored Tests:

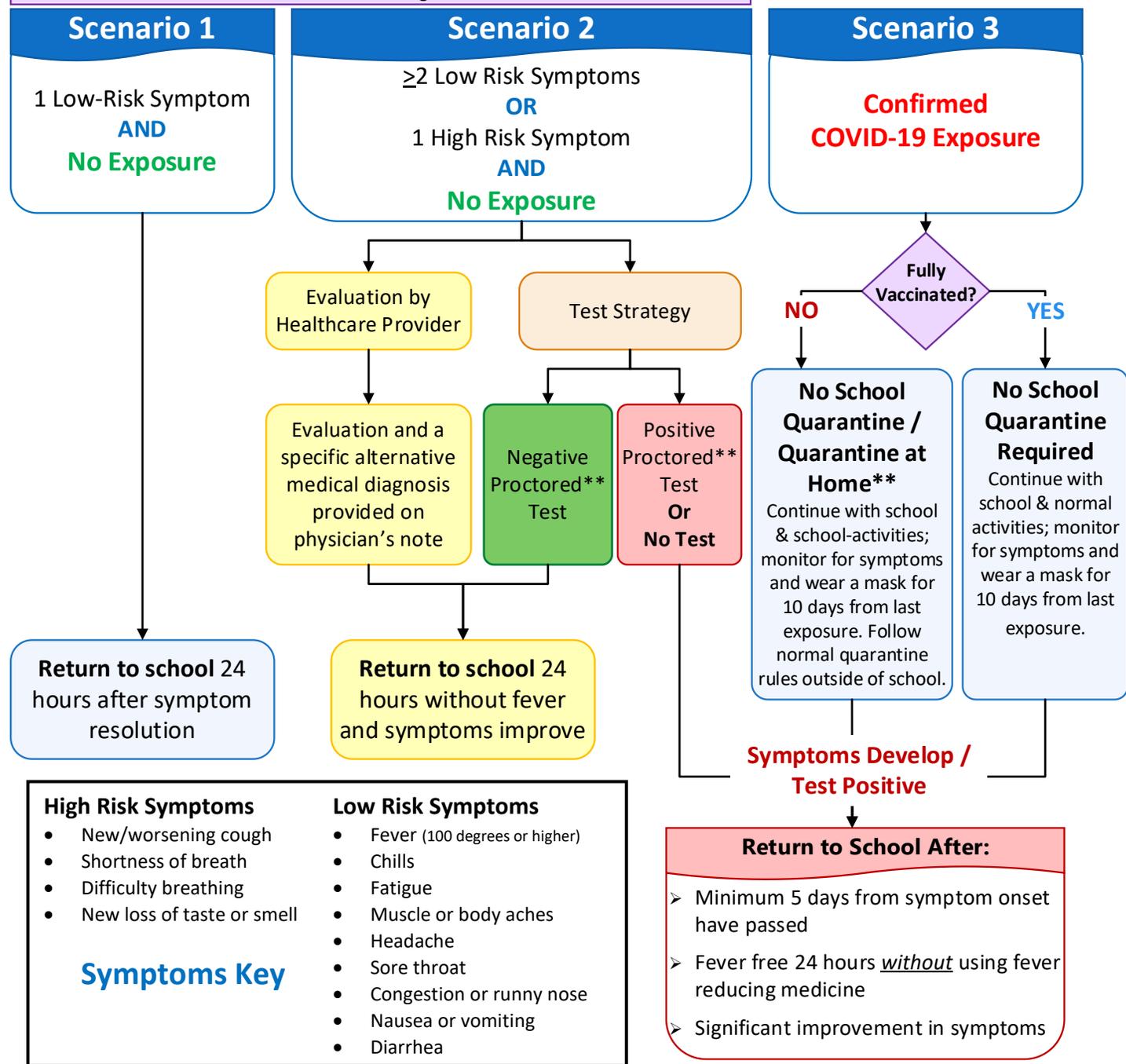
- Any COVID-19 test utilized for the Test to Play strategy requires a negative PCR or Antigen result from a proctored test. A proctored test is one that is observed at the time of testing by a qualified professional and reported to the state (this includes self-tests that have a tele-health session completed at the time of testing). A self-test completed without a tele-health session does not qualify for the Test to Play Criteria.
- **If the initial test is not performed within 24 hours**, the student is not eligible to participate in the Test to Play quarantine pathway and must be excluded from extracurricular activities until they have completed their quarantine period.

Key Guidance Recommendations

- **Promote Vaccination:** vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoting vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports.
- **Face Coverings/Masks:** masks should be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- **Universal Masking:** universal masking in all schools should be considered as a significant portion of the student population is not eligible for vaccination; difficulty in monitoring or enforcing mask policies for unvaccinated individuals; possibility of low vaccine uptake in surrounding community; continued concerns for variants that spread more easily among children, adolescents, and adults; protection against spreading other respiratory.
- **Reduce Transmission Risk:** maintain at least 3ft of physical distance between students in class combined with indoor mask wearing by anyone not fully vaccinated.
- **Layered Prevention Strategies:** multiple prevention strategies should be used to prevent spread: vaccination, good ventilation, regular cleaning, masks, hand washing and respiratory etiquette (coughing/sneezing into elbow or tissue), contact tracing and monitoring, and staying home when sick.
- **Parents, Visitors, and Guests:** require all parents, guests, and visitors to wear a mask and social distance when visiting the school regardless of vaccination status.
- **Screening/Testing:** encourage individuals to monitor for symptoms. Everyone with COVID-19 symptoms should stay home, contact their doctor, and get tested.
- **Hybrid Strategies:** consider offering distance learning or hybrid schedules for students required to isolate, quarantine, or who are medically fragile.
- **Contact Tracing:** report new cases and exposures to local health department as soon as possible. Promote parent cooperation with ODH contact tracers and monitoring.
- **Public Health Partners:** contact the Health Department for assistance with guidance and best practices.

School Nurse Algorithm for COVID-19 Symptoms and Exposure

Scenarios 1 & 2 are the same for all individuals regardless of COVID-19 Vaccination status

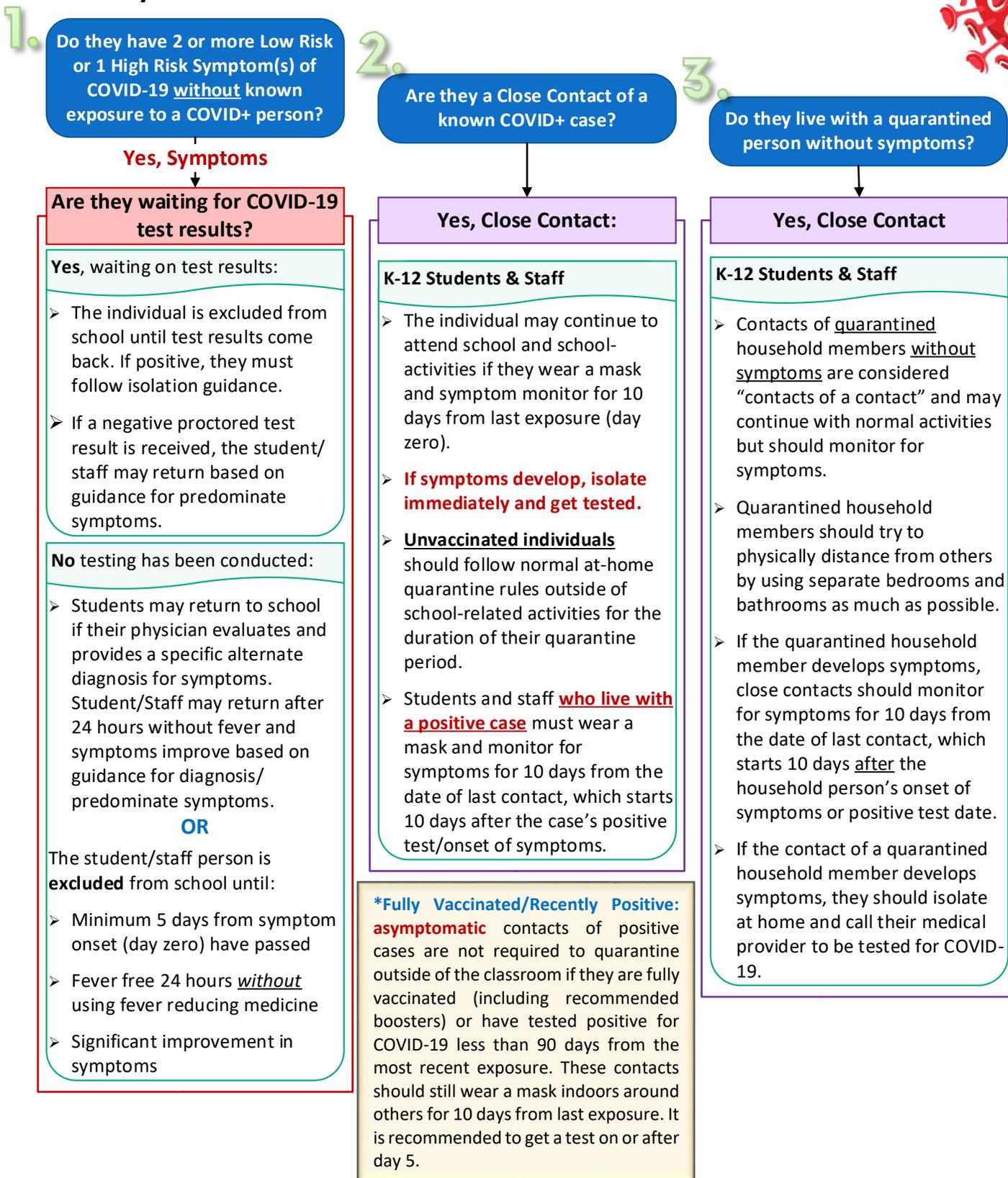


*COVID-19 EXPOSURE: asymptomatic close contacts of positive cases may remain in the classroom under the **Mask to Stay** criteria.

**PROCTORED TEST CRITERIA & QUARANTINE: refer to Mask to Stay / Test to Play criteria.

- **Scenario 2's Test Strategy** or the **Test to Play** strategy requires a negative PCR or Antigen test result from a proctored test (observed by a qualified medical professional and reported); a PCR test is strongly recommended. Over-the-counter self-tests without the proctor-observation & reporting cannot return to, or stay in, school under these strategies.
- **Exposures to household cases:** students and staff who live with a positive case must wear a mask and monitor for symptoms for 10 days from the date of last contact, which starts **10 days from the case's positive test/onset of symptoms**.

Handling symptoms & household exposures of students, staff, and faculty



Lucas County Quarantine Guidance

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department **strongly recommends unvaccinated individuals exposed to a COVID-19 positive person to quarantine for a minimum of ten (10)** from the date of the last exposure (day zero). **Individuals may leave quarantine after day five (5) if they do not develop COVID-19 symptoms or they have gone fever free for 24 hours and other symptoms have largely improved.**

- All individuals who are exposed to a positive case should closely monitor for symptoms for 10 days from last exposure (day zero). If symptoms develop, immediately isolate and get a COVID test.
- Individuals who leave quarantine on day 5 must wear a mask for an additional 5 days when around others and should avoid group activities or gatherings where a well-fitting mask cannot be consistently worn. TLCHD recommends getting a test on day 5.
- ***Any individuals who cannot wear a mask consistently due to medical or age-related reasons must isolate/quarantine a minimum of 10 days.***
- **If the close contact lives with the positive case**, their quarantine begins after 10 days from the positive case's onset of symptoms or date of positive test.

Gold Standard Quarantine

- **Unvaccinated** individuals exposed to COVID-19 should quarantine at home through day 10 from the date of last exposure (day zero).
- Lowest Risk of spreading COVID-19.

Alternative Quarantine

- **Unvaccinated** individuals exposed to COVID-19 are required to quarantine at home through day 5 from the date of last exposure (day zero) if they have been fever free for 24 hours and other symptoms are largely improved.
- Individuals must also closely monitor for symptoms and wear a mask around others through day 10.

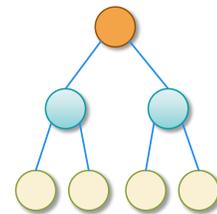
Isolation Requirements

- Any individual that tests positive for COVID-19 **must** isolate at home for a minimum of 5 days from onset of symptoms or positive test if asymptomatic (day zero). Individuals may only leave isolation on day 6 if they have been fever free for 24 hours and other symptoms have largely improved. **TLCHD recommends 10 days of isolation whenever possible.**
- Any individual showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 should isolate at home for 5 days from symptom start (day zero) unless they receive an alternative diagnosis from their doctor or a negative proctored COVID-19 test.

Proctored Tests: A proctored test is one that is observed at the time of testing by a qualified professional and reported to the state (this includes self-tests that have a tele-health session completed at the time of testing).

School Contact Tracing & Reporting Requirements

School Reporting



- **Schools are required to report students, staff, or other faculty that test positive for COVID-19. This includes vaccinated individuals.**
 - Cases must be submitted on the approved excel template through the secure *Report COVID School* webform at <https://tinyurl.com/LCSchoolCOVID>.
 - **Reporting of all positive cases for the week must be submitted by close of business on Fridays.**
 - Schools may choose to submit only once per week or more regularly as works best for each school.
 - The template is available for download at the link above.
 - To protect personal and private information, schools must not email this excel template and should only use the secure webform above.
- **Schools are required to report the total new and cumulative COVID-19 cases every Monday by 12 noon to TLCHD.**
 - Schools must use the approved excel template;
 - Schools must submit this template to reportcovid@co.lucas.oh.us.

Contact Tracing

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department has engaged with the state-contracted *Personal Consulting Group* (PCG) to provide continued contact tracing services and capacity for Lucas County.

- **PCG Responsibilities:**
 - Interview assigned cases and enroll close contacts into the Ohio Contact Tracing System (OCTS);
 - Monitor all contacts in OCTS (via text) and send suspected outbreak or probable case information to TLCHD
- **TLCHD Responsibilities**
 - Provide infection prevention and control guidance and help schools with specific quarantine and isolation questions and scenarios as needed;
 - Provide secure method for schools to submit case and contact information;
 - Collect, review, and submit school reports to state;
 - Investigate school-outbreaks;
- **School Responsibilities**
 - Report positive case information through the secure webform to TLCHD.
 - Notify all parents/guardians of their child's exposure to a positive case, inform them of quarantine and/or school exclusion.
 - Report the number of student and staff cases weekly to TLCHD;

Contact Tracing Definitions and Guidance

➤ Fully Vaccinated Individual:

- Individuals aged 5-17 are considered fully vaccinated if they completed their primary vaccine series more than 2 weeks prior. Boosters are still recommended based on age or medical status.
- Individuals aged 18+ are considered fully vaccinated if they have received all recommended doses (including boosters) according to the schedule established by CDC.
- Any individual who does not meet the criteria of a fully vaccinated individual is considered “unvaccinated” for the purposes of this guidance.

➤ **Quarantine:** quarantine separates people who were exposed to a contagious disease in case they were to become sick. Quarantine lowers the risk of transmission to others if a close contact gets sick or tests positive for COVID-19.

A person with COVID-19 is considered contagious 2 days (48 hours) before they started having symptoms. If they never have symptoms, they are considered contagious 2 days (48 hours) before their COVID-19 test was performed.

➤ **Isolation:** isolation separates people who are sick or who have tested positive for COVID-19 from people who are not sick or have not been exposed to prevent transmission and spread of illness.

➤ Close Contact Definitions:

Standard Close Contact Definition

- A **Close Contact** is any individual who was **within 6 feet** of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a cumulative total of **15 minutes or more** over a 24-hour period.
- **Any exposure outside of the school setting, school extracurricular activities, or on school transportation must use the *standard definition* when determining close contacts to a positive case.**
- *Under this definition only unvaccinated school individuals closer than 6 feet to the positive case exposed to COVID-19 are required to quarantine outside of school and school related activities; mask use reduces the risk a quarantined individual will develop COVID-19 after exposure to the positive individual.*

➤ **NOTE:** All positive cases must be reported to TLCHD (even if vaccinated).

School Close Contact Definition

- **If all of the following conditions are met, a Close Contact** in the school setting is any individual who was **within 3 feet** of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a cumulative total of **15 minutes or more** over a 24-hour period.
- Conditions:**
- Exposure occurred in the *school setting, school extracurricular activities, or on school transportation;*
 - Individuals within 6 ft of the positive case were wearing masks properly and consistently;
 - Students are separated by 3 feet or more of distance;
- *Under this definition only unvaccinated individuals closer than 3 feet to the positive case in the school setting are required to quarantine outside of school and school related activities. Universal masking reduces the risk a quarantined individual will develop COVID-19 when closer than 3 feet to the positive individual.*

Statutes for Infectious Disease Quarantine, Isolation, and Reporting Requirements

The Ohio Administrative and Ohio Revised Codes require the reporting of any Class A, B, or C reportable disease to the local health department within the jurisdiction an infection occurs. Class A diseases are the most urgent as they pose significant risk to the health and safety of all Ohioans whenever there is a single infection or a larger outbreak. The Ohio Department of Health has classified the novel corona virus Sars-CoV-2 (COVID-19) as a **Class A Reportable Disease**.

- **Ohio Revised Code 3707.16 specifically states:**

No person isolated or quarantined for a communicable disease declared by the ... department of health to require isolation or quarantine shall attend any public, private, or parochial school or college, Sunday school, church, or any other public gathering, until released from isolation or quarantine by the board. All school principals, Sunday school superintendents, or other persons in charge of such schools or other gatherings shall exclude any such person until he presents a written permit of the board to attend.

- **Ohio Administrative Code 3701-3-03 specifically states:**

*(C) Any individual having knowledge of a person suffering from a disease suspected of being communicable is authorized to **report to public health authorities** all known facts relating to the case or incident.*

- **Ohio Revised Code 3707.06 specifically states:**

*(A) ...In like manner, the owner or agent of the owner of a building in which a person resides who has any of the listed diseases, or in which are the remains of a person having died of any of the listed diseases, and the head of the family, immediately after becoming aware of the fact, **shall give notice thereof to the health commissioner**.*

(B) No person shall fail to comply with the reporting requirements of division (A) of this section.

- **Ohio Revised Code 3701.81 specifically states:**

(A) No person, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that he is suffering from a dangerous, contagious disease, shall knowingly fail to take reasonable measures to prevent exposing himself to other persons, except when seeking medical aid.

*(B) No person, having charge or care of a person whom he knows or has reasonable cause to believe is suffering from a dangerous, contagious disease, **shall recklessly fail to take reasonable measures to protect others from exposure to the contagion, and to inform health authorities of the existence of the contagion**.*

*(C) No person, having charge of a public conveyance or place of public accommodation, amusement, resort, or trade, and knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that persons using such conveyance or place have been or are being exposed to a dangerous, contagious disease, **shall negligently fail to take reasonable measures to protect the public from exposure to the contagion, and to inform health authorities of the existence of the contagion**.*

- **Ohio Revised Code 3701.99 specifically states:**

*(C) Whoever violates section 3701.352 or **3701.81** of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.*

How is a close contact determined in schools?



CLASSMATES

Classmates within 3 feet* of the contagious individual for longer than 15 minutes, either in the classroom or on the bus. This would typically be the 1 to 2 rows of students sitting closest to the contagious individual.



LUNCH MATES

Lunch mates of students if sitting within 6 feet of the contagious individual. This is a *higher risk* time as face coverings cannot be worn.



PLAY MATES

Playmates on the playground or in the gym within 6 feet of the contagious individual unless interactions are consistently kept very brief, no common items are shared, and no locker room time is shared.



OTHER CLASSMATES

Any others that had interactions with the contagious individual lasting over 15 minutes in confined areas such as bathrooms, office rooms, etc. where distancing of 6 feet is difficult.



TEAMMATES

Sports teammates within 6 feet of the contagious individual in the locker room or during play, especially for indoor sports. Those with direct or near contact have the highest risk no matter the duration of contact.



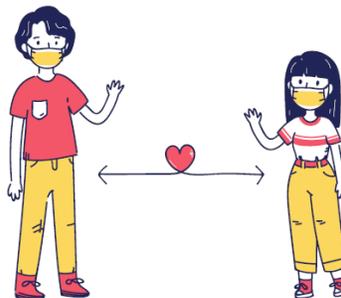
OPPOSING TEAMMATES

Opposing teammates in sporting events sharing time on the field/court with the contagious individual unless it can be confirmed no close interactions within 6 feet occurred with specific teammates and there was no contact with shared items.



ENTIRE CLASSROOMS

If the contagious individual is a teacher and was not keeping 3 feet away from students while teaching and not following precautions (mask), the entire class will need to be quarantined if the school cannot determine which individuals were not exposed within 3ft.



CLOSE CONTACT

Close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case is defined as being within 3 feet* of a COVID positive person for at least 15 minutes, with or without a mask in the classroom or on the bus. Other circumstances and may result in high-risk exposures even over distances >6 feet, or time shorter than 15 min.



OTHERS

Any other person outside of school that had similar exposure to a contagious individual is considered a close contact.

**Refer to page 9 for alternative quarantine guidance & page 11 for close contact definitions/exceptions.*

When to stay home and when an individual should be sent home:

Students and staff with symptoms of COVID-19 should not go to school or any school activities or sports, regardless of vaccination status. If symptoms start while at school, the individual should be sent home as soon as possible.



Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 must stay home and isolate regardless of vaccination status.

Public Health's goal is to keep risk of transmission as low as possible so that students can safely stay in school and extracurricular activities. Vaccination for all eligible individuals is the best available tool to reduce the risk of community spread. Quarantine of exposed individuals and isolation of ill individuals, combined with layered mitigation strategies (masks, distancing, ventilation, etc.) are the best strategies to reduce transmission in settings where not all individuals are vaccinated.

Symptoms of COVID-19*

- Fever or chills
 - Fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

**Refer to School Nurse Algorithm on page 7. COVID-19 shares many similar symptoms with the Flu, the common cold, seasonal allergies and more. See symptom comparisons on the following pages.*

Testing:

The parent or guardian of a student with COVID-19 symptoms should be instructed to call their health care provider, or to follow up with a local clinic or urgent care center. Many local testing sites are listed on the Health Department's website at www.lucascountyhealth.com/covidtest. Staff with symptoms of COVID-19 should be advised to follow up with their healthcare provider and to get a COVID-19 PCR test.

Child or staff has symptoms of COVID-19 and tests positive for COVID-19:

Keep out of school until it has been a minimum of 5 days from the first day symptoms started (day zero), they have gone 24 hours with no fever without using medication to reduce fever, and their other symptoms have improved. If symptoms persist, keep out of school until symptoms largely improve or resolve.

Child or staff has symptoms of COVID-19 and no testing for COVID-19 was done:

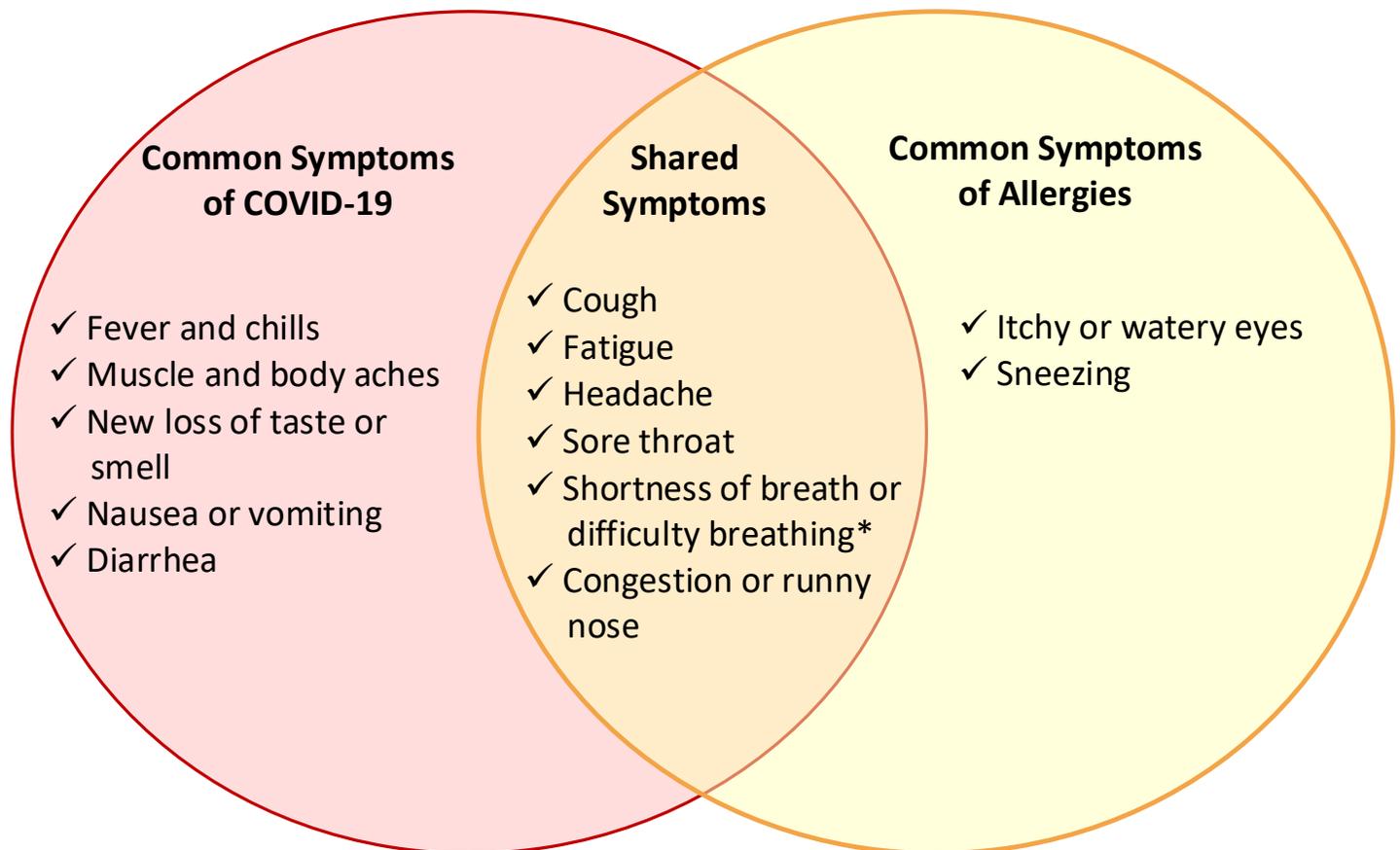
Keep out of school until it has been a minimum of 5 days from the first day symptoms started (day zero), they have gone 24 hours with no fever without using medication to reduce fever, and their other symptoms have improved. They may return to school if their health care provider diagnoses them with a specific alternate cause for their symptoms on note from the provider.

Child or staff has COVID-19 symptoms and sees a physician or tests negative for COVID-19:

Must have a specific alternate diagnosis from a physician or a negative test without known exposure to return to school. Otherwise, keep out of school until it has been a minimum of 5 days from the first day symptoms started (day zero), they have gone 24 hours fever free without using medication to reduce fever, and other symptoms have largely improved.

COVID-19 Symptoms vs Seasonal Allergies

Seasonal allergies and COVID-19 share many similar symptoms. If your child regularly exhibits seasonal allergy symptoms talk with your doctor to understand when it might be common allergies and when it might be a cold or COVID-19. See additional symptom comparisons on the following page.



**Season allergies do not usually cause shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, unless a person has a respiratory condition such as asthma that can be triggered by exposure to pollen.*

Adapted from CDC guidance

COVID-19 Symptoms vs Common Colds & Flu

Symptoms of COVID-19	Strep Throat	Common Cold	Flu	Asthma	Seasonal Allergies
FEVER 	✓		✓		
COUGH 		✓	✓	✓	✓
SORE THROAT 	✓	✓	✓		✓
SHORTNESS OF BREATH 				✓	
FATIGUE 		✓	✓	✓	✓
DIARRHEA OR VOMITING 	✓		✓		
RUNNY NOSE 		✓	✓		✓
BODY/ MUSCLE ACHES 	✓	✓	✓		

Adapted from CDC guidance

Additional Resources

➤ Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

- **CDC K-12 Guidance:**
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>
- **Face Masks on Public Transport:**
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/masks/mask-travel-guidance.html>
- **Isolation Release Criteria:**
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>
- **Fully Vaccinated Individual Guidance**
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

➤ American Academy of Pediatrics

- **COVID-19 Guidance for Safe Schools**
 - <https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>

➤ Ohio Department of Health

- **Education & Sector Recommendations:**
 - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/responsible-restart-ohio/sector-specific-operating-requirements/sector-specific-operating-requirements>
- **ODH K-12 School Guidance**
 - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/schools/K-12-Schools-Guidance.pdf>
- **Ohio Infectious Disease Reporting Manual**
 - <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/infectious-disease-control-manual/welcome>

➤ Toledo-Lucas County Health Department:

- **Lucas County Corona Virus Data:**
 - <https://lucascountyhealth.com/coronavirusupdates/>
- **Lucas County School Guidance & Reporting:**
 - <https://lucascountyhealth.com/covidschools/>
- **Lucas County Vaccination Information:**
 - <https://lucascountyhealth.com/covidvaccine/>
- **Lucas County Testing Sites:**
 - <http://www.lucascountyhealth.com/covidtest>

Record of Change

January 12, 2022

- Amended “Fully Vaccinated” definition after consultation with ODH.

January 7, 2022

- Aligned guidance with updates from ODH and the CDC.

November 15, 2021

- Updated Mask to Stay / Test to Play guidance based on clarifications provided by the state.

October 28, 2021

- Updated guidance throughout to align with ODH’s release of the Mask to Stay/Test to Play alternative quarantine criteria on October 25, 2021.
- Updated Lucas County Quarantine Guidance to include all CDC quarantine pathways.

September 15, 2021

- Amended scenario 2’s testing strategy in the *School Nurse Algorithm* to include proctored antigen tests as a pathway to return to school earlier. Added new section with graphic for *Determining Who is a Close Contact for Quarantine*. Updated *School Contact Tracing & Reporting Requirement* section.

August 27, 2021

- Amended *Close Contact Definitions* for improved clarity; added information on ORC 3707.16.

August 19-20, 2021

- Updated school scenarios, close contact definitions, and made other updates for consistency and clarity throughout.
- Included section on legal statutes for infectious disease quarantine, isolation, and reporting requirements in the state of Ohio.

August 11, 2021

- Updated guidance throughout document to include ODH & CDC recommendation that fully vaccinated individuals exposed to a COVID positive individual should wear a mask indoors for 14 days from the date of last exposure or until the individual tests negative at least 3-5 days after last exposure.
- Removed CDC guidance stating unvaccinated adults could not use the 3ft/fully masked close contact definition when determining which individuals needed to quarantine from classroom exposure. TLCHD guidance now aligns with ODH guidance stating that unvaccinated individuals exposed in the classroom setting do not need to quarantine if they were at least 3 feet from the positive case and where the case and contacts were all wearing masks consistently and correctly.

August 5, 2021

- Original guidance released