

# MTPS COVID-19 INFORMATION

Please notify your school nurse and administrator (for staff members) if you or your child needs to stay home. Parents should not send students to school when they are sick. Click [here](#) for COVID symptom information.

## Quarantine/Isolation/Close Contact Information

**PENDING COVID-19 TEST RESULT:** If a student or a family member is getting tested due to symptoms, the symptomatic individual and unvaccinated siblings must stay home until test results are obtained. Fully vaccinated individuals, with symptoms, must remain at home until test results are obtained.

**CONFIRMED POSITIVE TEST for student:** Isolate for 10 days after onset of symptoms or 10 days from the date of testing (if asymptomatic). May return after 10 days with improvement of symptoms. \*\*Last day of exposure, first day of symptoms, or the day of testing positive (if no symptoms), is considered day 0.\*\*

**NEGATIVE TEST RESULT:** Symptomatic students may return, symptom free for 24 hours, with a negative test result (see *Testing* below).

**CLOSE CONTACT:** An individual who is within 6 ft. of a confirmed positive person, 15 minutes or more of cumulative exposure in 24 hrs.

- **EXCEPTION:** A student who is exposed to a positive individual in the classroom when **both** students are **masked** and at least 3 feet apart, the exposed student does not need to be quarantined (8/21 -[The Road Forward](#)). This guidance does not apply to staff.

**Close Contact to a Positive Case:** The CDC released [guidance](#) with options to shorten quarantine time frames following exposure to a confirmed positive case, based on the community transmission levels (Low, Moderate, High or Very High) indicated in the [CALI report](#).

- High (ORANGE): Exposed close contacts should be excluded for 14 days.
- Moderate or Low (YELLOW or GREEN): Exposed close contacts should be excluded from school for 10 days (7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days).

**Confirmed Positive Household Contact:** Unvaccinated students must follow quarantine protocol and stay separated from sick individuals.

- Quarantine for 10 days from the date of last exposure and symptom free; OR
- Quarantine for 7 days from the date of last exposure, returning on day 8 with a negative test between days 5-7.
- If unable to separate, the unvaccinated student should remain at home while the sick person completes their 10 days of isolation AND then the student must complete their 10 day (or 7 day with testing day 5-7) quarantine period.

**Vaccinated Students who are Close Contacts:**

- Do not need to quarantine or be excluded from school if asymptomatic.
- Should be tested 5-7 days following an exposure to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 individual.
- Should wear a mask indoors for 14 days or until they receive a negative test on days 5-7 from exposure (masks required in school).
- Should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure. If symptoms develop, isolate and get tested.

**Testing:** Please see guidelines below for testing options:

- If a student (vaccinated/unvaccinated) is **symptomatic and has a known exposure** a rapid test or a PCR test is accepted.
- If an unvaccinated student is **quarantined for a close contact, does not have symptoms** and is testing to shorten quarantine please have a PCR test.
- If a student (vaccinated/unvaccinated) is **symptomatic with no known exposure**, a rapid test or a PCR test is accepted.
- Unvaccinated individuals must remain at home while awaiting test results.
- Vaccinated individuals who are symptomatic and awaiting test results must remain at home.
- Alternate medical diagnosis is no longer accepted. May return to school with a negative test (rapid or PCR) and improved symptoms.
- **At this time home-based COVID tests are not being accepted.**