

## Sumter School District Coronavirus COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation Protocols

**Close contact:** Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period from 48 hours prior to symptom onset of the infected person.

**Student close contact:** Students within 3 feet of an infected student for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period from 48 hours prior to symptom onset of the infected student.

The close contact definition for quarantine excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student if the exposed students wore masks during the exposure time. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

**Fully vaccinated individuals:** In general, people are considered fully vaccinated: 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. If you do not meet these requirements, regardless of your age, you are NOT fully vaccinated. Keep taking all precautions until you are fully vaccinated.

**Those with COVID-19 who recovered:** If a student or staff member is a lab confirmed case of COVID-19, they do not need to quarantine again after close contact to someone with COVID-19 in the first three months after recovering unless they develop symptoms. The person must provide either a note from a healthcare provider that they had the positive lab result in the past three months or provide a copy of the results (SARS-CoV-2 RNA – Detected or Positive).

<b>COVID-19 Symptoms with No Known Exposure</b>	<b>Positive COVID-19 Test or Diagnosis</b>	<b>Close Contact Fully Vaccinated Individual</b>	<b>Close Contact Non Vaccinated Individual</b>	<b>Household Contact</b>
<p>Students and staff should be excluded from school if they have: fever, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, or new or worsening cough. Students and staff should self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms prior to leaving home.</p> <p>If these symptoms are explainable by an underlying condition (such as shortness of breath for an individual with asthma) exclusion may not be necessary.</p> <p>You can return to school/work after 10 days have passed from symptom onset, 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medication, and overall symptoms have improved; or have tested negative for COVID-19; or a medical evaluation determines that your symptoms were more likely due to another cause. In this later case, the individual can return when they meet criteria for that condition.</p>	<p><b>Positive with Symptoms</b> Isolate until ten days have passed since symptoms started, AND 24 hours have passed since last fever without taking medicine to reduce fever, AND overall symptoms improve.</p> <p><b>Positive without Symptoms</b> Isolate until ten (10) days after the specimen was collected.</p> <p>Sumter School District reserves the right to request a doctor's note clearing the employee or student to return to work/school.</p>	<p>Person does not need to quarantine if he/she voluntarily chooses to provide documentation of full vaccination status to eliminate the need for quarantine.</p> <p>It is recommended to get tested 3-5 days after exposure.</p> <p>It is important for the individual to wear a mask at school until 14 days after exposure or until the individual receives a negative test result.</p> <p>If symptoms develop, the individual will need to isolate immediately and follow the COVID-19 symptoms guidelines in column one.</p>	<p>Person can return to school after completing 10 days of quarantine if the person is not presenting symptoms of COVID-19 after daily at-home monitoring. The 10 days of quarantine begins after the last known close contact with the COVID-19 positive individual.</p> <p>When the person returns to school, it is important for the individual to wear a mask at school and monitor for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.</p>	<p>The 10 day quarantine period begins on the last day of potential exposure.</p> <p>For most scenarios, the last day of exposure for other household members will be the positive person's 10th day of isolation.</p> <p>If they are able to feasibly isolate away from other family members (separate bathrooms, bedrooms, etc.) then you would count the 10th day from the day the positive family member went into isolation.</p> <p>If another household member tests positive, then it would start all over for those close contacts.</p> <p>In most cases the household quarantine period will equal 20 days.</p>