

## **Toms River Schools Medical Policies/ Procedures regarding COVID-19**

**1. Are masks required for all staff, students, and employees?**

*Yes, everyone entering the building is required to wear masks.*

**2. Are there any exceptions to wearing a mask?**

*A documented medical condition or disability, as reflected in an (IEP) Individualized Education Program, might preclude a student from the use of a face covering.*

**3. What is the difference between close contact and casual contact?**

*Close contact is anyone that was within six (6) feet for ten (10) minutes or longer of a positive individual. Only close contacts are regarded, not casual.*

**4. If a teacher in a classroom tests positive does the entire class need to quarantine for 14 days? Contact tracing in this case and situation 5 would be done in conjunction with the OC Health Department**

*If a teacher tests positive, anyone ( students, para's,etc) that has spent ten (10) minutes or longer within six (6) feet of the positive teacher would need to quarantine for fourteen (14) day period from the date of the exposure to the teacher. The date of last exposure would include the two (2) days prior to illness or positive test result, whichever date comes first.*

**5. If a student who has been at school and has a positive COVID test does the entire class have to quarantine for 14 days?**

*NO. Only, if the students/staff members have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, meaning they are within 6 feet of someone for at least ten minutes, do they need to quarantine for fourteen (14) days from the date of last exposure before returning to school.*

*In the case of a positive COVID test, the Ocean County Health Department, working in coordination with school districts, will conduct contact tracing to determine whether or not an individual has been in close contact with a student and advise any affected individuals, to self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days. The Ocean County Health Department in coordination with the school will assess the specific circumstances of the individual with the positive test to determine those individuals that have been in close contact and need to quarantine – this may or may not include all students in the class.*

6. **If a student/ employee tests negative during the 14 day quarantine period can they return to school earlier ?**

*No. A person cannot get a negative COVID- 19 test to get out of the fourteen (14) day quarantine. A person can still become symptomatic after the test.*

7. **What is contact tracing?**

*Contact tracing is designed to identify those students/ staff without symptoms who may have been in contact with a person with COVID-19 and who should quarantine. If individuals have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they must quarantine for fourteen (14) days from the last possible exposure prior to returning. The Ocean County Health Department will conduct the contact tracing.*

8. **Should students, staff, or others who have been tested for COVID-19 attend or visit school while they await test results?**

**No , If you have been tested you should not come to school until the result is obtained .**

*Anyone who is sick should stay home from school. Anyone who suspects they are ill and received a COVID-19 test should not attend or visit school while awaiting test results.*

9. **What are the rules and procedures to clear an individual to return to school following a positive test result?**

*The student cannot return to school for a minimum of fourteen (14) days from the onset of symptoms, must be fever free without fever reducing medication and exhibit significant improvement of symptoms. An MD note is required to return to school.*

*A student that is asymptomatic but tested positive should be out for 10 days at a minimum*

**Sources:**

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<https://nj.gov/education/reopening/faqs/index.shtml>
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