

## Quarantine Exclusion Criteria

### ***Exclusion Criteria - Compatible Symptoms or Test Positive to COVID-19***

- Ill individuals with COVID-19-compatible symptoms who have not been tested or individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 should stay home until at least 10 days have passed since onset of symptoms.
- Ill individuals with COVID-19-compatible symptoms who test negative may return once fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and when all symptoms resolve.
- Persons who test positive for COVID-19 but who are asymptomatic must stay home 10 days from the positive test result.
- An alternate diagnosis without a negative COVID-19 test is not acceptable.

**\*For students with chronic illness, only new symptoms or symptoms worse than baseline should be used to fulfill symptom-based exclusion criteria.**

**\*If an unvaccinated staff member or student resides in a home with an individual with COVID-19 compatible symptoms, the exposed individual cannot return to school for a minimum of 10 days from the date of the last contact with the ill individual, or until the ill individual tests negative for COVID-19. In the event that the ill family member can be *completely* isolated (separate restroom and living space), consideration may be given to quarantine period.**

### ***Exclusion Criteria - Close Contact of a confirmed positive case***

- **Close contact** is defined as being within 6 feet of someone with suspected or known COVID-19 symptoms for 15 or more minutes during a 24-hour period. **Exception:** In school, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student where both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time. *This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.*
- Close contact individuals will need to be excluded.
  - **\*High** - exposed close contacts should be excluded for 14 days
  - **\*Moderate** - **\*Low** - exposed close contacts should be excluded from school for 10 days (7 days with a negative test)
- Exposed close contacts who are fully vaccinated and have no COVID-19 like symptoms do not need to be excluded (Vaccinated students will be identified through the New Jersey Immunization Information System which is automatically updated within the district's student information system)