

Quarantine Exclusion Criteria

Exclusion Criteria - Compatible Symptoms or Test Positive for 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 5 days have passed since the onset of symptoms. These individuals can return on day 6 but must continue to wear a well-fitted mask when around others through day 10. This will require individuals to remain six feet from other individuals while eating, drinking, or taking a mask break.
- 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 should stay home 5 days from the positive test result. These individuals can return on day 6 but must continue to wear a well-fitted mask when around others through day 10. This will require individuals to remain six feet from other individuals while eating, drinking, or taking a mask break. (If symptoms develop within one week of the positive test, the 5-day isolation period starts over with day 0 being the first day of symptoms)
- A LAB-based alternate diagnosis (including a positive strep test or influenza swab) is acceptable for individuals who meet COVID-19 exclusion criteria to return according to NJDOH School Exclusion List.

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

Exclusion Criteria - Close Contact of a confirmed positive COVID-19 Case in school

- We will continue to inform parents/guardians if their child is considered a close contact **in school**; however, as long as those students/staff show no symptoms, they will, again, not be required to quarantine, regardless of vaccination status.
- Siblings (household contacts) of a positive COVID-19 case who are unvaccinated must quarantine for a total of 5 days after the last day of contact.

*** “Fully vaccinated” is defined as the following:**

- **Adults greater than or equal to 12 years old who completed a primary series of COVID-19 vaccine AND have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters (5 months after the primary series; there is no two-week waiting period for booster shots) and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised people.**
- **Children and adolescents 5-17 years old who completed the primary series of the COVID-19 vaccine.**