

QUARANTINE FAQs

Department of Health updated protocols for students with exposure to an individual that is positive for COVID-19:

- Allow the student to attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property, without restrictions or disparate treatment, so long as the student remains asymptomatic; or
- Quarantine the student for a period of time not to exceed seven days from the date of last direct contact with an individual that is positive for COVID-19.

What makes someone a close contact?

- You are a close contact of a COVID-19 positive individual if, from 48 hours before their symptoms began, the person with COVID-19:
 - Lived in your home or stayed overnight with you
 - Took care of you or you took care of them
 - Stayed within 6 feet of you for cumulative 15 minutes or longer in a 24 hour period
 - Exposed you to their body fluids or secretions (e.g., coughed or sneezed on you)

If my student is considered a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, do I need to get tested?

- No, you are not required to get tested. If during the 7 days, your student develops symptoms you should contact the Dept. of Health for guidance on testing.

Does anyone else in my household need to quarantine at this time?

- No, as long as your student does not develop symptoms, no one else in the household is required to quarantine. Members of the household would be considered “contacts of a contact” and there are no CDC recommendations, as you are twice removed from the positive individual.

WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

PLEASE CALL THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), ST. JOHNS COUNTY DIRECTLY AT (904) 506-6271 to report the positive result. Notify your child’s

school (teacher, front office, attendance designee) for attendance purposes and they will further instruct you in accessing education while quarantining.

ISOLATION PERIOD PROTOCOLS (positive) – Per FL DOH 8/6/2021

- Students who have received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 should not attend school until:
 - Ten days have passed since the onset of symptoms or positive test result, the student has had no fever for 24 hours and the student's other symptoms are improving. **OR**
 - The student received a negative diagnostic COVID-19 test and is asymptomatic. At home tests are not recognized by the DOH. **OR**
 - The student receives written permission to return to school from a medical doctor, osteopathic physician, or advance registered nurse practitioner.

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