

Jackson County COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Guidance for Schools

STUDENT IS A CASE

A student who tests positive for Covid needs to be excluded from campus and should isolate from the public in their home. They should not attend daycare or extracurricular activities. Deciding when they can return depends on the following criteria:

1. Do they have symptoms?
2. Can they wear a well-fitting mask at all times? including activities where a mask may be optional for other students; including but not limited to, recess, athletics, and Band.
3. Can physical distance be maximized as much as possible when unmasked for mask breaks or other times that masks may be removed?

Student has symptoms and tests positive for Covid, or has been determined to be a presumptive case based on exposure and symptoms:

The guidance is to isolate for 5 days from symptom onset and return to school on day 6 **IF** a student has been fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medications) **AND** the student is able to wear a well-fitting mask at all times for the next 5 days, including activities where a mask may be optional for other students; including but not limited to, recess, athletics, and band **AND** maximize physical distance as much as possible when unmasked for mask breaks or moving through the food service line and while eating (especially indoors).

If symptoms worsen or new symptoms develop during days 6 to 10, they should be sent home to finish out the full 10-day isolation period. They would be allowed to return on day 11 **IF** they are fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medicines) **AND** all other symptoms are improving.

Students who are asymptomatic at time of test and test positive for Covid:

If symptoms develop at any point during the isolation period, the isolation period resets and begins again from the date of symptom onset.

If symptoms develop after student has returned to school, but before day 10, send the student home, and follow the guidance above for students that have symptoms.

If the case never has any symptoms, they should isolate for 5 days from test date, and can return to school on day 6 **IF** the student is able to wear a well-fitting mask at all times for the next 5 days, including activities where a mask may be optional for other students; including but not limited to, recess, athletics, and Band **AND** maximize physical distance as much as possible when unmasked for mask breaks or moving through the food service line and while eating (especially indoors).

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STAFF IS A CASE

A staff member who tests positive for Covid needs to be excluded from campus and should isolate from the public in their home. Deciding when they can return depends on the following criteria:

1. Do they have symptoms?
2. Can they wear a well-fitting mask at all times?
3. Are they able to maximize physical distance any time they are unmasked?

Staff has symptoms and test positive or are determined to be a presumptive case:

The guidance is to isolate for 5 days from symptom onset and return to work on day 6 **IF** the case has been fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medications) **AND** the case is able to wear a well-fitting mask at all times for the next 5 days, including activities where a mask may be optional for others, **AND** maximize physical distance as much as possible when unmasked for mask breaks or when moving through the food service line and while eating (especially indoors).

If symptoms worsen or new symptoms develop during days 6 to 10, they should be sent home to finish out the full 10-day isolation period. They would be allowed to return on day 11 **IF** they are fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medicines) **AND** all other symptoms are improving.

Staff who are asymptomatic at time of test:

If symptoms develop at any point during the isolation period, the isolation period resets and begins a full 10-day isolation period from onset of symptoms.

If symptoms develop after staff has returned to work, but before 10, send the staff home, and follow the guidance above for staff that have symptoms.

If the case never has any symptoms, isolate 5 days from test date, and the case can return to school on day 6 **IF** the case is able to wear a well-fitting mask at all times for the next 5 days **AND** maximize physical distance as much as possible when unmasked for mask breaks or moving through the food service line and while eating (especially indoors).

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STUDENT OR STAFF IS A CLOSE CONTACT

Because Covid is transmissible before symptoms arise, persons who have been exposed to a case need to quarantine.

The timeline for quarantine depends on the following criteria:

1. Was the exposure on campus?
2. Does the student or staff person live with the case?
3. Is the student or staff person up to date on their Covid vaccines?
4. Has the student or staff person tested positive for Covid in the last 90 days?
5. Have the parents approved for school personnel to test the student with Binax tests?
6. Does the student or staff person have any symptoms?

ON CAMPUS EXPOSURE

On campus, an exposure is defined as being less than 3 feet within a case for more than 15 minutes regardless of masking (if both case and contact are students) **OR** within 6 feet within a case where either the student or the case is not wearing a well-fitting mask for 15 minutes or more.

If a student or staff member has been exposed on campus, determine if the student or staff member is up to date with their Covid Vaccines:

Vaccination Status	Definition (<i>Will be updated upon further guidance from CDC</i>)
Up to Date	<u>For individuals ≥18 years of age:</u> Boosted or Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna within the last 5 months or Completed the primary series of J&J within the last 2 months <u>For individuals 5–17 years of age:</u> Completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines
Not Up to Date	Unvaccinated or Has not completed the primary series of any COVID-19 vaccine or <u>For individuals ≥18 years of age:</u> Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna over 5 months ago and is not boosted

If a student or staff is up to date on their vaccines, then they do not need to quarantine but must wear a well-fitting mask at all times for the next 10 days, including activities where a mask may be optional for other students, including but not limited to, recess, athletics, and band **AND** maximize physical distance as much as possible when unmasked for mask breaks or moving through the food service line and while eating (especially indoors). They should seek out testing on day 5 and monitor for symptoms of Covid. If they develop any symptoms they should isolate and get a test.

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Students and Staff who are not up to date on vaccines and have an exposure on campus should quarantine for 10 days.

This 10-day period **MAY** be altered in the following circumstances:

Test to stay:

Students in schools that have opted into Test-to-stay can remain on campus as long as they test negative on day 1 and again between day 3 and 5 of exposure. The school must have a universal masking policy and the student can not have any symptoms.

5-day quarantine:

A student who does not develop any symptoms can complete a 5-day quarantine and return on day 6 **IF** the student is able to wear a well-fitting mask at all times, including activities where a mask may be optional for other students, including but not limited to, recess, athletics, and band **AND** maximize physical distance as much as possible for mask breaks and when moving through the food service line and while eating (especially indoors).

If the student develops symptoms the student should be tested and sent home. If the test is positive, follow the guidance on page 1 for a student that tests positive with symptoms. If the test is negative, follow the current school exclusion guidance.

OFF CAMPUS EXPOSURE

Students who are exposed to the virus off campus do not qualify for test to stay and will need to follow a 10-day quarantine or the 5-day quarantine, followed by 5 days of strict mask wearing outlined above.

STAFF OR STUDENT LIVE WITH A CASE

If the close contact is not up to date with their Covid vaccine, has not been a case in the last 90 days and lives with a person who tests positive for covid19, they need to be excluded from campus and should quarantine throughout the cases' infectious period. Additionally, their quarantine period needs to extend at least 5 days beyond the end of the cases' infectious period followed by 5 additional days of strict masking when around others.

If the student or staff is up to date on their vaccine or has been a documented case within the last 90 days and live with a case they do not need to quarantine at home. However, they must wear a well-fitting mask at all times for the next 5 days, including activities where a mask may be optional for other students; including but not limited to, recess, athletics, and band **AND** maximize physical distance as much as possible when unmasked or when moving through the food service line and while eating (especially indoors). They should seek out testing on day 5 and monitor for symptoms of Covid. If they develop any symptoms they should isolate and get a test.