

Summary of Updated KDHP Guidance for K-12 School Operations for In-Person Learning

Students and Staff who test positive for COVID-19:

-If experiencing symptoms, the person should isolate for 5 days from when their symptoms first started, the onset of symptoms. The student or staff member may return to school after 5 days if their symptoms are **fully** resolved, asymptomatic or after 10 days if they still have lingering symptoms. They must continue wearing a mask for 10 days at all times when indoors.

-If the person isn't experiencing symptoms, they must be isolated for 5 days and may return to school after this as long as they haven't developed any symptoms. They must continue to wear a mask for 10 days.

Quarantine & Contact Tracing while implementing Mask on the Move

- A close contact is anyone who was within 6 ft of an infectious person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes in a 24-hour period while the person was considered contagious.
 (The exception is in the K-12 indoor classroom setting close contact is students who were 3 ft away from an infected student if both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of mask and other K-12 prevention strategies were in place. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults.)
- Quarantine may be discontinued after day 5 if the individual is symptom free and receives a negative test on day 5 or later and is able to wear a mask for 10 days. If the individual does not want to test, quarantine can also be discontinued after 10 day if they are symptom free. Another alternative to quarantine is "test to stay."
- The following people don't need to quarantine but are recommended to test after 5 days or more of exposure: students 5-17 who have completed their primary Covid vaccine series, persons 18 years and older who are up to date with their recommended Covid vaccines and boosters, persons who have a documented covid 19 illness in the last 3 months.

Test To Stay Program

- -Person must be asymptomatic
- -When participating in the program the patient must wear a mask
- -Students and staff are allowed to participate
- -Outside of school exposures can now be tested
- -Individuals opting in to the test to stay program must be able to wear a mask at all times unless eating or drinking.
- -Students may participate in extracurricular activities but must mask even while exercising on days 1-5 and can remove masking requirements on days 6-10.
- -Note: See full updated document regarding ACSchools optional "Test to Stay" program

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