

## Qualification of Exposures and examples.

There are two ways exposures have been classified. Holy Child will be using the “Low” and “High” Risk.

1. “Primary vs secondary”
  - a. Primary – direct contact (without appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment)) with a person with known COVID or highly concerning symptoms  
Ex: A child whose parent is positive
  - b. Secondary – direct contact (without appropriate PPE) with a person who has had primary contact with a person with known COVID or highly concerning symptoms  
Ex: A child whose parent was exposed to another person with COVID 19 but does not exhibit symptoms themselves.
  
2. “Low vs high risk” - Describes the nature of the exposure and the degree of risk based on PPE.<sup>1</sup>
  - a. Low Risk
    - i. Nature of exposure: Contact with a person who has symptoms of COVID but no known direct contact with a confirmed COVID case in the past 14 days. OR Contact with a person without symptoms but with a confirmed contact with COVID case in the past 14 days.
    - ii. PPE: At least 6ft apart, interaction < 15 minutes, wearing a mask\*  
Ex. Teacher of a child who has a fever and diarrhea but who has no known community exposure to COVID  
Ex. Classmates of a sibling of a child who has COVID if the sibling does not display symptoms
  - b. High Risk<sup>2</sup>
    - i. Nature of exposure: Direct contact with a person with known COVID or who has highly concerning symptoms with a known exposure to COVID in the past 14 days
    - ii. Lack of PPE: < 6 feet apart, interaction > 15 minutes, no mask  
Ex: A child whose parent has COVID  
Ex: A child with fever and cough who was seated directly next to another child with a diagnosis of COVID on the bus

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\* University of Pennsylvania guidelines assume the potentially exposed person is wearing a surgical grade mask. Although there is some data that suggests that surgical and cloth masks do not confer the same degree of protection in laboratory settings, there is little real world data comparing the two. For this reason, our guidelines for exposure as we start the year are more conservative to account for this difference.

**Please note: With our safety measures in place, there should be no circumstances created in the school environment where an exposure would be high risk.**