



Criteria for School Quarantines from Montgomery County Health Department

Q. What will happen if a student tests positive (vaccinated or unvaccinated)?

An ill Student	Close contacts (within 3-6 ft of the individual for > 15 min)	Siblings	School actions
Must isolate for 10 days	Quarantine for 14 days* - obtain test ~5 days after last exposure , but may not be able to shorten length of quarantine depending on age and circumstances of * 14 day quarantines are still recommended	Siblings of positive student: Must quarantine at home for 14 days since date of last exposure	Immediately notify health department and begin contact tracing
A negative viral test is NOT required to return once isolation period has ended	In Lower school - this would likely be the entire class due to nature of classroom setup and age of cohort In Middle and Upper school - only those who are in close contact with sick individual not necessarily the entire class Bus riders: Contact tracing using assigned seating will determine who is a close contact	Siblings of close contacts - considered contacts of contacts, and may continue to attend school as long as exposed sibling is negative and asymptomatic	Notify those who may have been exposed to give quarantine guidance
May return 10 days after symptoms first appeared (or date of test if no symptoms) AND fever free for at least 24 hours prior to returning AND improvement of COVID symptoms	Vaccinated close contacts: exempt from quarantine - do not need to quarantine but should test 3-5 days after exposure and monitor symptoms		Document case on school COVID dashboard page

Q. What will happen to a class or cohort if a student becomes ill and gets a COVID test?

Ill Student	Close contacts (within 3-6 ft of the individual for > 15 min)	Siblings	School actions
Must be isolated and sent home immediately (if symptoms appear during the school day) and get tested	DO NOT need to quarantine while test is pending - may continue to attend school NO classroom/cohort quarantines at this time	Siblings of student being tested: should remain home until test is back - since this is a direct household contact	Follow up on COVID results
If COVID PCR test is negative ... May return once fever free and symptom free for at least 24 hours	No impact on close contacts	Siblings: may attend school as normal	No action needed
If COVID PCR test is positive ...	Close contacts must quarantine for 14 days since last exposure to the ill individual. Vaccinated close contacts: exempt from quarantine - may return to school, but should monitor for symptoms and test 3-5 days after exposure	Siblings: Must quarantine for 14 days	Notify health department Begin contact tracing procedures Notify close contact and provide quarantine guidance