

SCHOOL QUARANTINE GUIDANCE

This guidance is subject to change based on State and Federal guidelines and/or mandates



CORONAVIRUS
COVID-19

Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) recommendations for quarantine is as follows:

Quarantine Exclusions per CDC

- People who have tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or get tested again for up to 3 months if they remain symptom-free. Those who develop symptoms again within 3 months of their first COVID-19 positive test may need to be tested again if no other cause is identified for their symptoms.
- Vaccinated persons are not required to quarantine if they meet all of the following criteria:
 - More than 14 days since receiving the last dose in the series
 - Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure

CLOSE CONTACT QUARANTINE

- The following recommendations outline the steps to quarantine when students are identified as close contacts.

CLASSROOM EXPOSURE SCENARIO	MASKS	QUARANTINE	CONTINUE SCHOOL
<3 Feet	N/A	YES	NO
3-6 Feet	One or Both UNMASKED	YES	NO
3-6 Feet	Both Properly Masked	NO	YES
Contact Fully Vaccinated	N/A	NO	YES

All household contacts are recommended to be excluded from work or school while results are pending for a household member. If test results are positive or if symptomatic person does not get tested, household contacts are recommended to quarantine for 10 days from last known exposure.

OCHD has considered the need to balance COVID-19 transmission risks with the impact of longer quarantine periods on student learning and participation in school activities when endorsing the following three quarantine recommendations:

1. A 14-day quarantine is still the best quarantine strategy after known COVID-19 close contact (a person who was within 6 feet of a person infected with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes cumulative in a 24-hour period with or without a mask).
2. OCHD is currently recommending the 10-day reduced quarantine strategy*.
 - a. Stay home for 10 days after exposure while wearing a mask and physically distancing from others.
3. A 7-day COVID-19 test option can also be implemented*. The COVID-19 test must be:
 - a. A PCR test (not a rapid antigen or serological test)
 - b. The specimen is recommended to be COLLECTED no sooner than 7 days after the exposure date,
 - c. Return to school on day 8 with a negative PCR result
 - d. The school is recommended to ensure the timing of the test is appropriate (no less than 7 days after last date of exposure).

***If a reduced quarantine strategy is used, the following must occur:**

- Agree to cooperate with contact tracing efforts while monitoring symptoms for 14 days after exposure.
- If symptoms develop, immediately isolate and get a COVID-19 test.
- After stopping quarantine, wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet from others, wash your hands, and avoid large gatherings through day 14.

These modified mitigation measures may be changed at the discretion of OCHD.