



Dear Parent, Guardian, and Staff,

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) provides specific guidelines for quarantine after an individual is identified as close contact to someone infected with COVID-19. The definition of a close contact is defined as "...someone who was within 6 feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more." The DOH's most recent guidance includes the option for shortened quarantine periods. The Conrad Weiser Area School District follows the quarantine guidelines recommended by the DOH if an individual is exposed to COVID-19 in the home, school, or community.

Exposure to Non-household member with COVID- 19 and Identified as a Close Contact: Non-Vaccinated:

The exposed individual must stay home & immediately quarantine for a minimum of 10 days.

- Quarantine may end after Day 10 if NO symptoms have been present during the quarantine period, with continued monitoring for symptoms through day 14.
- No COVID-19 test is required to return to school after the 10 day quarantine period.

The quarantine period may be shortened if the following criteria are met:

- The individual remains asymptomatic throughout the quarantine period and continues to monitor for symptoms through day 14.
- The individual gets tested for COVID-19 on or after day 5 of exposure.
- 48 hours have passed since the individual was tested for COVID-19.
- The COVID-19 test was negative.
- Quarantine may NOT be discontinued earlier than day 7 after exposure with a return to school on day 8 at the earliest.
- The school nurse has been contacted to discuss the process for shortening the quarantine period.
- The CWASD only recognizes COVID-19 test results completed under the supervision of a health care provider and/or a qualifying laboratory. Negative results from over-the-counter tests WILL NOT be accepted. Official documentation of the COVID-19 test results must be submitted to the school nurse for early release from quarantine and return to school.



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Exception to quarantine in the classroom setting:

- *In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed students correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.*
- *This exception does not apply to unvaccinated teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.*

Exposure to Household member with COVID- 19: Non-Vaccinated:

The exposed individual must stay home & immediately quarantine for a minimum of 10 days AFTER the positive household member is released from 10 days of isolation.

- Stay home & monitor for symptoms, a total of 20 days, continually monitoring for symptoms through day 24.
- Follow the guidelines for “shortened quarantine” listed above except that the quarantine period starts after the positive household member is released from 10 days of isolation.

Exposure to Non-household member with COVID- 19 and Identified as a Close Contact: Vaccinated

- The vaccinated individual does not need to quarantine.
- The exposed vaccinated individual should get tested 2-5 days after exposure and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
- If vaccinated individual experiences new or unexplained symptoms of COVID-19, they still need to isolate and be evaluated for COVID-19.

Exposure to Household member with COVID-19: Vaccinated

- The vaccinated individual does not need to quarantine.
- The exposed vaccinated individual should get tested 2-5 days after the positive household member completes 10 days of isolation (between days 12-15) and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 24 days or until they receive a negative test result.
- If the vaccinated individual experiences new or unexplained symptoms of COVID-19, they still need to isolate and be evaluated for COVID-19.