

What do I do if my child was a “close contact”* to a positive case within the home?

Same Household

If your child lives in a household with or has had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the same household, you must follow these home quarantine steps. Keep them home and monitor their health.

If fully vaccinated: They do not need to quarantine if they have been fully vaccinated, have not had any COVID-19 symptoms since the COVID-19 exposure, and are not an inpatient or resident in a healthcare setting or facility. They should still be tested with a PCR, FDA approved Rapid Molecular, or Rapid Antigen (not take-home) test immediately, 5 days after exposure, and then again on Day 15. If they have not been fully vaccinated, please see next step.



Stay Home

If unvaccinated: Get them tested right away. Keep them home to see if they develop symptoms even if they test negative. Test them again on Day 5 and again on Day 15. Their quarantine period does not begin until after the 10 day home isolation period has ended for the positive case in the home. This means that their quarantine period may take up to 20 days or more before they can return to school.

No symptoms: If they do not have symptoms, they should get tested with a PCR, FDA approved Rapid Molecular, or Rapid Antigen (not take-home) test right away, 5 or more days after last exposure to a case, and then again on day 15.



If Symptoms Exist

If they develop any COVID-19 symptoms, and symptoms are new and unexplainable, they should get tested immediately.

Positive Test: If positive, they must follow the home isolation steps in the positive case slide.

Negative Test: If negative and the test was taken on Day 5 from their last exposure, get them tested again on Day 15. If negative and the test was done on Day 15 or after, no additional testing is needed. Remain in quarantine for a full 10 days, with the first day of quarantine starting after the 10 day isolation period of the positive case.