TESTING FLOWCHARTS FOR SCHOOLS & CHILDCARE CENTERS

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Resources

- COVID-19: When a Student or Faculty/Staff Member Can Return to School (Exclusion Table)
- Action Plan for a COVID-19 Case in a Dane County School
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services Memo BCD 2021-10 Considerations for Confirmatory Testing of COVID-19 Point-of-Care Tests
- CDC Quarantine and Isolation guidance
Who is a close contact?
An individual is considered a close contact if any of the following is true:

- **Students in a K-12 classroom setting:** Were within 3 feet of a positive person for more than 15 minutes total in a day. Both students must have been wearing well-fitting masks.
- **All other individuals, situations, and non-classroom settings:** Were within 6 feet of a positive person for more than 15 minutes total in a day
- Had physical contact with the person
- Had direct contact with the respiratory secretions of the people (i.e., from coughing, sneezing, contact with dirty tissue, shared drinking glass, food, or other personal items)
- Lives with or stayed overnight for at least one night in a household with the person

Who needs to quarantine?
Any individual who is a close contact to someone with COVID-19 needs to quarantine unless they meet one of the following criteria:

- Individuals who are 17 and under who completed a primary COVID vaccine series two or more weeks before the exposure
- Individuals 18 years or older who completed a primary COVID vaccine series two or more weeks ago and are not yet eligible for a booster dose
- Individuals 18 years or older who completed a primary COVID vaccine series two or more weeks ago and have received a booster dose
- Individuals who were diagnosed with COVID-19 in the 90 days before the exposure
PCR test performed on a suspected COVID-19 case

Result was negative

- Person has symptoms: Not a case
- Person does not have symptoms: Not a case

Result was positive

- Person has symptoms: Case, report
- Person does not have symptoms: Case, report
Antigen test performed on a suspected COVID-19 case

**Test sample was collected at a clinic or pharmacy**

**Result was positive**
- **Person has symptoms**
  - Case, report
- **Person does not have symptoms**
  - Follow up PCR test recommended within 48 hours but not required; if not done, case, report

**Result was negative**
- **Person has symptoms**
  - Follow up PCR test recommended within 48 hrs. If no follow up test, student/staff may return to school based on this antigen test result when they meet usual return to school requirements for their symptoms.
- **Person does not have symptoms**
  - Not a case

**Test sample was collected at home**

**Result was positive**
- **Person has symptoms**
  - Case, report*
- **Person does not have symptoms**
  - Follow up PCR test recommended within 48 hours; if not done, case, report

**Result was negative**
- **Person has symptoms**
  - Follow up PCR test recommended within 48 hrs. If no follow-up test, exclude for either 5 days after symptom onset followed by 5 days of masking in school OR 10 days after symptom onset.
- **Person does not have symptoms**
  - Not a case

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Not a case. Exclude until student/staff meets usual return to school requirements for their symptoms and until quarantine is complete (if required).

Person does not have symptoms

Not a case. Individual should complete quarantine (if required).

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