

LCMCS COVID-19 Guidance eff. 1/10/22

"Up to Date" Status Definition of COVID-19 Vaccination

Within the K–12 setting, those who are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccination include:

- **Adults** who have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters
- **Youth 5–17 years who have completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.**

Students, and staff who come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 and are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccination as defined above AND individuals who had confirmed COVID-19 (tested positive for COVID-19) within the last 90 days do not need to quarantine.

These individuals should, however:

- Watch for symptoms of COVID-19.
- [Get tested](#) at least 5 days after having close contact with someone with COVID-19. If you test positive or develop COVID-19 symptoms, then follow recommendations below.

Individuals who come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 and are not up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations per the below definitions:

- Ages 18 years or older and completed the primary series of a two-dose recommended vaccine more than 5 months ago but have not received a recommended booster shot.
- Those who have received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine (completing the primary series) over 2 months ago and have not received a recommended booster shot.
- Those who are not fully vaccinated or have not completed a primary vaccine series.

These individuals should quarantine as follows:

- Quarantine for at least 5 days after their last close contact with someone with COVID-19. Individuals in quarantine should not go to school or school events in-person during their quarantine period unless they are participating **in a school sponsored test-to-stay protocol.**
- Watch for symptoms of COVID-19.
- [Get tested](#) at least 5 days after having close contact with someone with COVID-19. If you test positive or develop COVID-19 symptoms, follow recommendations for isolation (see below).
- Young children who are unable to effectively wear a mask on a consistent basis during the school day, will need to complete a 10-day quarantine.

Students, teachers, and staff who have [presumed or confirmed](#) COVID-19 or are showing [symptoms](#) of COVID-19 should [isolate](#) regardless of vaccination status.

- Individuals can end isolation after 5 full days since symptom onset if they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and their other symptoms have improved.
- Day 0 is the day symptoms began or the day the person took a test that had a positive result. Day 1 is the day after symptoms began or, if a person does not have symptoms, the day after the person tested positive (use the date the test was collected).

If they continue to have fever or their other symptoms have not improved after 5 days of [isolation](#), they should stay in isolation until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and their other symptoms have improved.

Test to Stay Program (Unvaccinated students ONLY, Vaccinated Students do not have to quarantine)

- The Test to Stay Program has aligned with CDC recommendations of a 5-day quarantine period. Tests may be performed at school during school hours and/or at home with a “at-home test” provided by the school. (LCMCS anticipates **receiving the “at-home tests” by 1/18/22.** Until then, we are still able to administer the at-school test.)
- For test to stay using at-home tests, schools will distribute a single test kit containing two tests to exposed students and staff. Testing is then performed at home and students who continue to test negative may be allowed to continue with in-person instruction in a modified quarantine. For children under age 15, the parent/guardian must perform the testing. The updated K–12 testing guidance is available [here](#).
- Families participating in test to stay using at-home testing may be asked to sign a results attestation form. At-home tests may only be used to facilitate test to stay; they may not be used for student screening