

## **Close Contact Quarantine Information**

**According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, a close contact is defined as an individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for 15 consecutive minutes or more (masked or unmasked) starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.**

- **Exception:** 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 student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>

Your child may return to school once he or she has completed a 10 **OR** 7 day quarantine period. Please see below for specifics on the most up-to-date quarantine information for close contacts according to the CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health.

**Option 1:** Student is to quarantine for 10 days, from the date of the last exposure, *without* being COVID tested. Their quarantine period ends after 10 days **provided they are symptom free the entire time**.

**OR**

**Option 2:** Student is to quarantine for 7 days *and receive a negative PCR test on or after day 5* of quarantine. Their quarantine period ends after day 7 **provided they are symptom free the entire time** and a negative PCR test was obtained after day 5.

Please review this information carefully and **contact your child's healthcare provider and/or Pennsylvania Department of Health (1-877-PA HEALTH) with any questions.**