

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

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Below are updated guidelines from the Paulding County Health Department for students and staff for quarantine when exposed **at school or a school-related activity** (athletics, extracurriculars, school clubs, etc).

The CDC defines a close contact in the school setting as being within 3 feet of an infectious person for 15 minutes or more. However, other factors may play a role in determining if someone is a close contact. If your child is identified as a close contact, the student may **continue to attend school as long as he or she is symptom free, with the requirement of wearing a mask for 10 days from the last date of contact with the covid positive person.**

The individual identified as a close contact is in quarantine and must remain home other than attending school or if actively participating in a school-related activity. Further, please monitor for symptoms for the entire 10-day duration of quarantine. If symptoms develop, contact a healthcare provider, take a lab-confirmed COVID-19 test and remain at home until test results are received. If test results are positive, isolate at home for 5 days from symptom onset date. All positive cases will receive a phone call from the local health department for further guidance.

In-school mask quarantine: (applies to unvaccinated or fully vaccinated students/staff)

- The individual may only attend school and extracurricular activities masked.
- Remain at home when not attending school or school-related activities and separate from others in the same household as much as possible.
- Testing on day 5 after exposure is recommended.
- Students may continue to participate in extracurricular activities if he/she has no symptoms **AND** follows the steps below:
 - Wear a mask when able (this includes: transportation, locker rooms, sitting/standing on the sidelines, and anytime the mask will not interfere with breathing or create a safety hazard)
 - Have a negative covid test (lab or proctored at home test) **on the day identified as a close contact**
 - Testing on day 5 after exposure is recommended.
 - The results of the covid tests must be provided to the school nurse **BEFORE** participation in the activity.

This guidance does not apply to individuals who are deemed a close contact in the community or home setting. Please refer to CDC COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation for guidance.

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