

Who Needs to Quarantine?

Disease

Was there a case of **probable or confirmed case of COVID-19**?

Risk

Is the school **low risk** and able to use **reduced quarantine** and minimum disease control strategies?*

Exposure

Was anyone potentially exposed (a “close contact”) during the infectious period?

Immunity

Was the exposed person immune or protected from COVID-19?

Response

A person should quarantine if they were a close contact of someone with probable or confirmed COVID-19, and were not immune to COVID-19 or protected at the time of exposure, in a school not using reduced quarantine and disease control strategies.

NOTES ON IMPLEMENTATION

A **probable or confirmed case of COVID-19** is someone with:

- A positive COVID-19 test, even if later tests are negative OR
- Any major, or two or more minor symptoms of COVID-19 (but has not had a negative test while symptomatic) OR,
- Symptoms after a recent exposure to COVID-19 (but has not had a negative test while symptomatic)

Low Risk schools and reduced quarantine are described in the main body of the [Colorado's Practical Guide for Operationalizing CDC's School Guidance](#)

A **close contact** is someone who:

- Was within 3 feet for 15 cumulative minutes over a 24 hour period, OR
- Lives in the same household, OR
- Sleeps in the same space (e.g. roommate), OR
- Had direct contact with sick individuals, OR
- Is identified as a close contact based on public health determination

A person may be considered **immune or protected from COVID-19** if they:

- Complete COVID-19 vaccine series (2 week after last vaccine dose) OR
- Test-confirmed infection in past 90 days OR
- Participated in surveillance testing at least one time in the previous week OR
- Both parties wearing a mask at the time of the exposure



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In addition, state and local public health agencies have statutory authority to require isolation or quarantine in any circumstance they deem necessary for disease control