



WHY MASKS MATTER IN SCHOOL?

MANDATORY QUARANTINE AND CLOSE CONTACT TRACING

2020/2021 School Year versus 2021/2022 School Year



<p>Scenario #1 - Alex was diagnosed with COVID-19 and attended school while contagious.</p> <p>Alex, Beth, and Chris are all wearing face coverings and are within 6 feet of each other for more than 15 minutes. <i>*See distance specifications below*</i></p>	<p>Scenario #2 - Alex was diagnosed with COVID-19 and attended school while contagious.</p> <p>Alex and Beth are wearing a face covering, but Chris is unmasked. They are all within 6 feet of each other for more than 15 minutes.</p>	<p>Scenario #3 - Alex was diagnosed with COVID-19 and attended school while contagious.</p> <p>Alex is not wearing a face covering, but Beth and Chris are masked. They are all within 6 feet of each other for more than 15 minutes.</p>
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<p>2021/2022 - Alex will be mandated to isolate at home for 10 days while Beth and Chris will be permitted to <u>remain in school and participate in all extracurricular activities.</u></p>	<p>2021/2022 - Alex will be mandated to isolate at home for 10 days and and Chris will face a mandatory quarantine of up to 10 days. Because she was masked, Beth will be permitted to <u>remain in school and participate in all extracurricular activities.</u></p>	<p>2021/2022 - Alex will be mandated to isolate at home for 10 days. Since Alex was not wearing a face covering, both Beth and Chris will face a mandatory quarantine up to 10 days.</p>

- School 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. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

Does vaccine status matter? Fully vaccinated individuals (adults, students) who are 2 weeks past their last indicated vaccine, do not need to quarantine after an exposure if they have no signs or symptoms of illness. If symptomatic, all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, should quarantine.