

## **My Student is a Close Contact of a Positive Covid Case At School**

Your student has had close contact (within 6 feet of an infectious person for more than 15 min). Current options include:

1. Quarantine at home (all schools) and attend classes remotely (Middle and High Schools)
2. Remain in school and wear a mask for 10 days while observing for symptoms.
3. IF HE/SHE HAS A CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID IN THE LAST 90 DAYS - no quarantine OR mask needed.
4. IF HE/SHE IS FULLY VACCINATED (at least 14 days after 2nd shot for 2-dose series or one shot if one-dose) - wear a mask until days 3-5 after last contact and test out. This can be a rapid antigen test and provided by the school nurse as supplies are available at school. If negative, a mask is no longer required.

### **If your student is a close household contact, he/she must quarantine at home.**

\*If you quarantine at home, there is an option to shorten the duration of quarantine to 7 full days. Quarantine shortening criteria is 7 full days if all the following have been met:

1. Your child remains without symptoms
2. Your child takes a **PCR** test on day 5 or later after exposure AND
3. Your child's test is negative

If you choose the shortened option, your child may do the PCR no earlier than 5 days after the last day of close contact. If the PCR test is negative, he/she may return on day 8.

*\*If you choose to send your student to school with a mask, there **will not** be an option to shorten the duration of mask usage, unless your student is fully vaccinated.*

Academic options during Isolation and Quarantine vary between schools. Call your child's school with any questions.

**The rapid BinaxNOW tests available online and at Walgreens (and others) ARE NOT PCR tests and we cannot accept those to test out of quarantine. If they say "rapid antigen" on the test, they DO NOT qualify. Please make sure your Primary Healthcare Provider is using the appropriate test as well if you have your child tested at a healthcare facility.**

Testing information: Free mail-in Vault Tests are available through the Wyoming Department of Health (see link below). You can also stop by or call (307-764-6186) the PCSD#1 administration building (right next to Mr. D's) and get free vault tests (pending availability). These tests have a 24-72 hour turnaround time AFTER mailing. Get them to the UPS office (postage is paid) by closing (5 pm on weekdays). Saturday hours have been unreliable d/t staffing issues.

CUE tests are a new technology, but are appropriate for testing without symptoms and results are available within 20 mins. These may be administered by the school nurses as available and at her discretion.

Depending on availability, Walgreens does drive through tests. Call Walgreens at 307-587-2017 or their covid testing link is: [COVID-19 Testing | Select Location | Walgreens](#)

If your child becomes symptomatic, they will need to Isolate for 10 days after symptoms start regardless of their test result, however, a PCR test is recommended to confirm COVID19. Please call the school to let us know of a positive test result.

More information is available at:

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) - Wyoming Department of Health](#)

**\*If your child has been fully vaccinated, OR has had DOCUMENTED Covid-19 in the last 90 days, please let us know. They will not need to be quarantined, but other recommendations apply. Also, you can choose to have your child tested for ANTIBODIES (an option if they had documented Covid-19 >90 days ago) if they are tested soon after close contact with a positive case. These tests are a blood draw and will require an appt. at a healthcare facility that does them.**

Thanks for your help mitigating this pandemic. Feel free to call us with any questions.