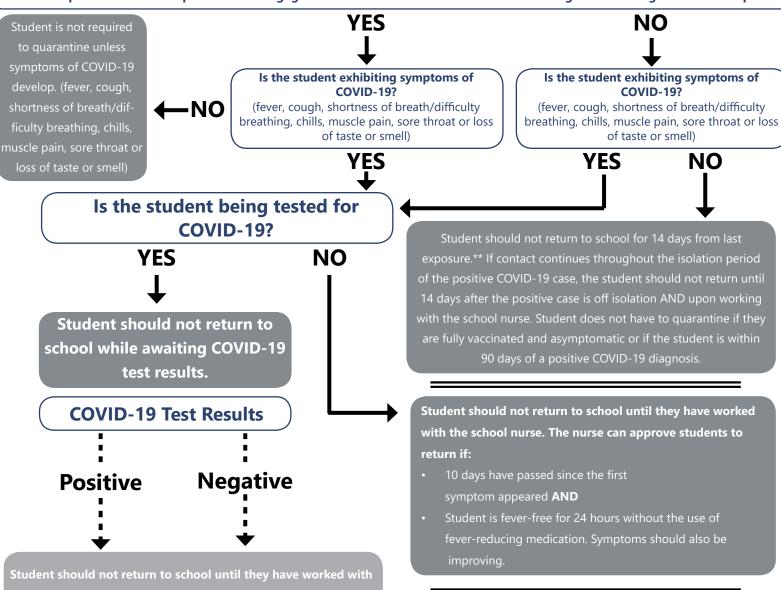
Independence School District

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR PRE-K-12 STUDENTS EXPOSED TO A COVID-19 CASE

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If a student who is not vaccinated is exposed to a positive case of COVID-19, the student should remain home for assessment and should consider testing. A student exposed to a confirmed positive case of Covid-19 does not have to quarantine if they are fully vaccinated and asymptomatic. In the Pre-K through 12 indoor classroom setting, students within 6 feet from the positive case where both individuals were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks are not required to quarantine.***

Were the exposed student and positive case engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks during the time of exposure?



Student should not return to school until they have worked with the school nurse. The nurse can approve students to return if:

- 10 days* have passed since the first symptom appeared AND
- Student is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Symptoms should also be improving.

Students who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 and test negative should follow the same guidelines as a positive case before returning to school.

*Individuals who are hospitalized for COVID-19 and/or are severely immuno-compromised may warrant an isolation period of up to 20 days after their first symptom appeared.

**Exposure is considered being within six feet of an individual with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer.

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

