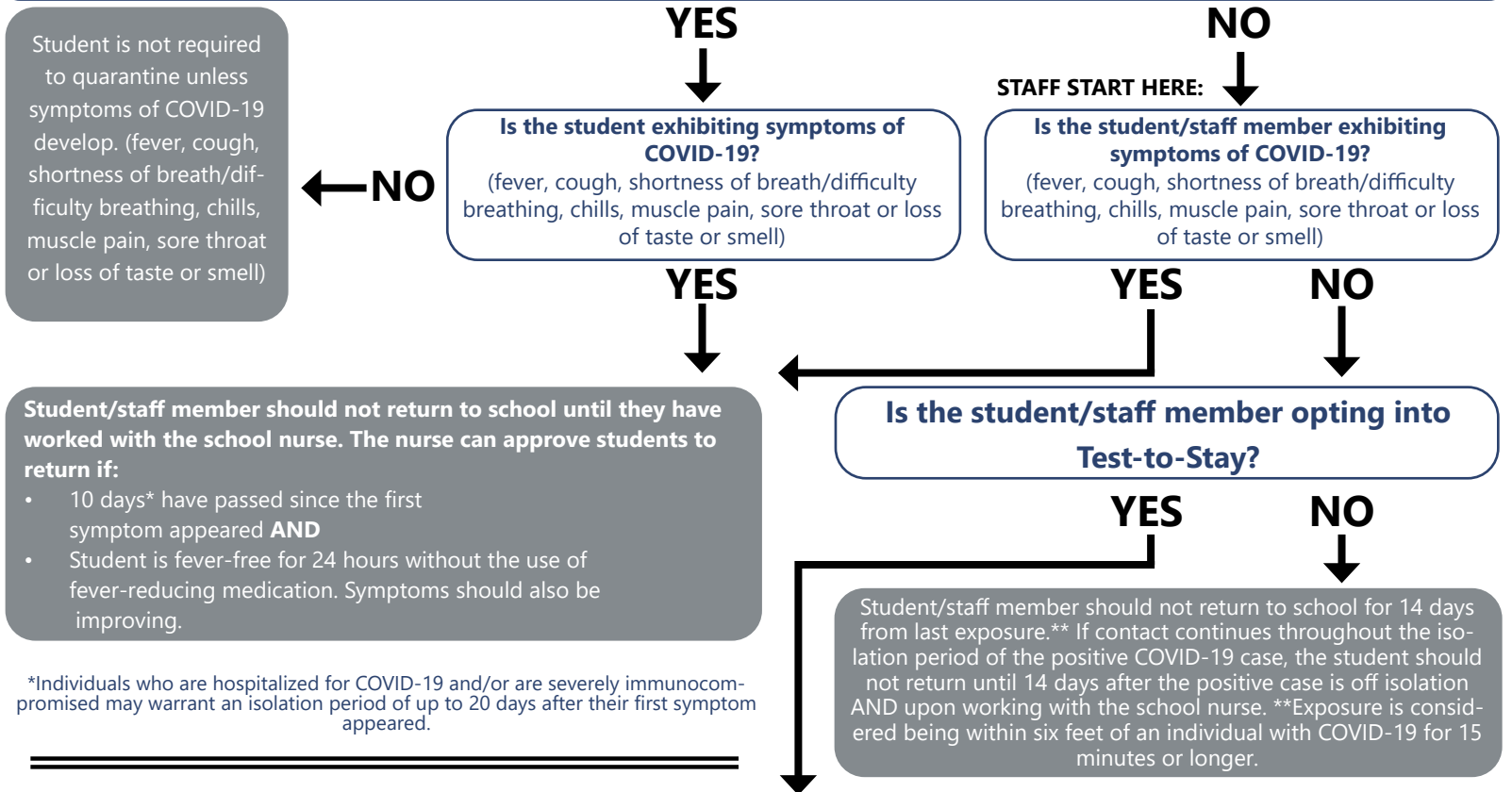


# Independence School District HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR K-12 STUDENTS AND STAFF EXPOSED TO A COVID-19 CASE

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If a student/staff member who is not vaccinated is exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 and/or if there is a positive case of COVID-19 in their household, the student/staff member should remain home for assessment and should consider testing. A student/staff member exposed to a confirmed positive case of Covid-19 does not have to quarantine if they are fully vaccinated and asymptomatic or if the student/staff member is within 90 days of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis. In the K-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. This exception does not apply to unvaccinated teachers, staff or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

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



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

Exposed individuals will remain out of school/work until the first negative test result is received by their school nurse. Exposed individual receives a minimum of three rapid antigen tests (e.g. BinaxNOW) within the first seven days of the quarantine period. Upon being identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case and opting to adhere to Test-to-Stay criteria, the exposed individual will be provided with specific testing dates.

- The exposed individual must take a rapid antigen test within 24 hours of being identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.
- The exposed individual must take a minimum of two additional rapid antigen tests, preferably on non-consecutive school days, within the first seven days of the quarantine period with the final test taken on the seventh day. For example, if an individual is identified as a close contact on day two of the quarantine period (Wednesday), the individual must test on day two (Wednesday), day four (Friday), and day 7 (Monday).
- If exposure was determined after day seven of the quarantine period, one rapid antigen test is required prior to returning to school/work.

Failure to comply with the testing schedule will result in quarantine for the remainder of the 14-day quarantine period. At-home rapid tests will not be accepted for Test to Stay. The ISD has free COVID-19 testing available, with limited scheduled time slots. Contact your school nurse to schedule an appointment. If there are no appointments available, or if the test is needed outside of school hours, please use the resources linked in the ISD Safety Protocols document. Exposed individuals must wear a mask consistently and correctly in school at all times during their quarantine period (14 days past the last day of exposure to the positive case) other than when eating or drinking. **If the exposed individual tests positive or develops symptoms of COVID-19 during the quarantine period (14 days past the last day of exposure to the positive case), the exposed individual will be isolated from school for 10 days from the positive test or the onset of symptoms. Individuals exposed to COVID-19 in their household are not eligible for the Test-to-Stay option.** Household members of students/staff opting to participate in Test-to-Stay do not need to isolate while the student/staff member is awaiting test results.

**Is the student/staff member involved in extracurricular activities and/or athletics?**

**YES** ↓

**NO** →

No further action needed.

In order to participate in extracurricular activities a rapid antigen test must be taken 24-36 hours prior to participation in MSHSAA-sponsored athletics and/or extracurricular activities scheduled within the 14-day quarantine period of the exposed individual. This includes testing on days when an event occurs on weekends, holidays, or other days when school is not in session. The negative test result must be received by the activity sponsor prior to participation.