

Updated Guidance for Schools based on Revised CDC Guidelines  
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# RESPONSE LEVELS FOR ON-SITE LEARNING

Helping school districts determine health risks in  
relation to community spread of COVID-19

**ARKANSAS**

READY **FOR** LEARNING



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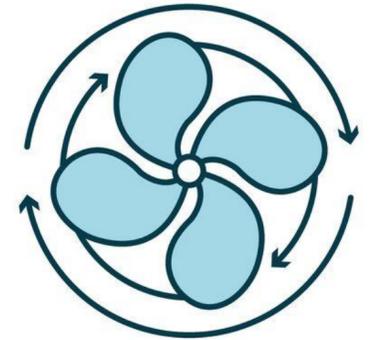
# CONTINUED SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



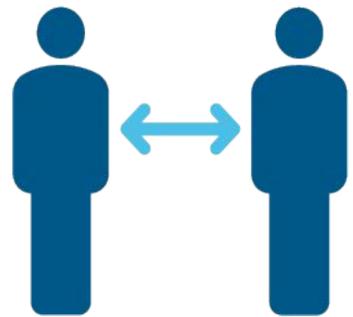
**Vaccinations**



**Disinfecting**



**Ventilation**



**Physical  
Distancing**



**Face  
Covering**



**Good Hand  
Hygiene**



# ISOLATION

Isolation is required for someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status. This person is required to:

- Stay home for at least 5 days
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house (return to school).
- Continue to wear a mask around others through the 10th day of isolation.

*If you have fever, continue to stay home for 24 hours after fever has resolved.*



## **PROBABLE CLOSE CONTACT/QUARANTINE**

**An individual who has likely been within 3 feet (6 feet, if childcare) for 15 cumulative minutes or longer within a 24-hour period during the infectious period of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.**



## WHAT TO DO FOR QUARANTINE

- Stay home and away from other people for at least 5 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.
- Wear a well-fitting mask through the 10th day after contact with a person who has COVID-19.
  - If you are unable to wear a mask, continue to quarantine for 10 days.
- Monitor for symptoms, and if symptoms occur self-isolate and get tested.



# WHO SHOULD QUARANTINE

If you are considered a close contact with someone with COVID-19, you should quarantine if you are in one of the following groups:

- You are ages 18 or older and completed the primary series of recommended vaccine, but have not received a recommended booster shot when eligible.
- You are age 18 or older and received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine (completing the primary series) over 2 months ago and have not received the recommended booster dose
- You are not vaccinated or have not completed a primary vaccine series.



## WHO DOES NOT NEED TO QUARANTINE

If you came into close contact with someone with COVID-19 and you are in one of the following groups, you do not need to quarantine:

- You are ages 18 and older and have received all recommended vaccine doses, including booster and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised people
- You are ages 5-17 years and completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.
- You had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (PCR or Antigen Test)

# OTHER EXCEPTIONS TO QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

1. Individuals exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 will not need to quarantine if the exposed individual has no symptoms and both the infected and exposed individual consistently and correctly were wearing a mask.
2. If at least 70% of staff and students are fully vaccinated in a school, individuals in the school (not district) are not required to quarantine.

# ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION

**An individual who has completed at least 5 full days of at-home isolation or quarantine may participate in activities provided they are able to properly mask during that activity for the remainder of the 10 day isolation or quarantine period.**

*\*\*Interscholastic athletic activities may be subject to additional health and safety protocols adopted by the Arkansas Activities Association.*

# MASKING

**If you are unable to wear a mask for any reason, you should complete a full 10-day quarantine/isolation.**

# IMPORTANT LINKS

[Arkansas Department of Health Guidance](#)

[DESE Resources for Schools](#)

[CDC Guidance](#)