



Together, we can prevent student quarantines!

It's important to know how mitigation strategies such as **proper masking** and **vaccinations** help keep students in school and learning in person.

The following scenarios are for a student who has no symptoms but has been in contact with an individual at school who has tested positive for COVID-19. Quarantine requirements for students who are close contacts with the infected individual would vary, based on their vaccination status and mask use.

These quarantine requirements apply when the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 is properly wearing a face covering:

Student Close Contact at School

If    Fully Vaccinated **AND**  Wearing Face Covering   **No Quarantine**

If    Not Fully Vaccinated **BUT**  Wearing Face Covering   **No Quarantine**

If    Not Fully Vaccinated **AND**  Not Wearing Face Covering   **Quarantine**

NOTE: While many cases are the result of community transmission that occurred away from school, some cases may be the result of close contact in a school setting. **Quarantine may be required if a cluster of related cases occur in a classroom or group setting.**

Student Close Contact at Home

An unvaccinated individual identified as a close contact to a confirmed or probable case at home (outside of the school setting) is required to quarantine, due to regular unmasked exposure.  **Not Fully Vaccinated**   **Quarantine**

Families can help keep students in school and learning by reinforcing proper and consistent mask use, vaccinating eligible students ages 12 and older, and helping to reduce community exposure by following CDC guidance for masks indoors and with large groups when outdoors (especially for unvaccinated children).

About Masks in GCPS...

Masks are required in all GCPS facilities and on GCPS school buses.

Masks that have an exhalation valve or vent and masks made from mesh fabrics are not recommended by the CDC as they allow virus particles to escape and spread. These types of masks do not meet GCPS' mask requirement.

About close contacts...

Close contacts include anyone who spent 15 minutes or more at a distance of 6 feet or less with the positive person during their infectious period. There are situations when masks may not be required.

About quarantine processes...

Quarantine keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others. Individuals who start to have symptoms during their quarantine should immediately isolate and get tested.

When would a student or staff member NOT have to quarantine at home?

- If any of the following apply:**
- Fully vaccinated (2 weeks after final dose of vaccine received);
 - Tested positive for COVID-19 90 days prior to becoming a contact; or
 - The student or staff member who was a confirmed or probable case and the close contact(s) were both wearing masks for a majority of the school day, and the exposure occurred at school. (In this scenario close contact(s) only applies to students who are close contacts.)

While in quarantine, students continue learning asynchronously, accessing their assignments through eCLASS or through materials provided by their teacher.