

1) Recommendations for Individuals Who Are Not Fully Vaccinated:

Individuals who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and are identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case must quarantine.

An individual is considered fully vaccinated when 2 or more weeks have passed after the receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose vaccine series, or 2 or more weeks have passed after receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.

Quarantine is used to separate someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others.

The most protective recommended quarantine period remains at 14 days after the date of last exposure (Day 0) to a person who is infectious with SARS-CoV-2.

Out of an abundance of caution and following recommended best practices from PA DOH and CDC, we have made the decision to follow a 14-day school exclusion for students and staff who are identified as close contacts of a case. While these entities allow for shortened quarantines, they both state that the most protective recommended quarantine remains at 14 days following exposure. This means that if a staff member or student who is a close contact chooses to end quarantine early, they will still not be allowed in our building or at school-affiliated events for 14 days after exposure.

Persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered do not have to quarantine or get tested again as long as they do not develop new symptoms.

Individuals must show proof that they have tested positive for Covid.

If they do become symptomatic, the person should isolate and seek testing.

DOH recommends that non-healthcare congregate settings, continue to follow recommendations for a 14-day quarantine period. COVID-19 transmission within these settings

can be difficult to control, and the increased transmission risk associated with shortening the quarantine time periods may be problematic in these settings.

2) Recommendations for Asymptomatic Fully Vaccinated Individuals

Asymptomatic fully vaccinated people who show proof of vaccination.

- They have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure. The date of vaccination is day 0 when determining if an individual is fully vaccinated (i.e., > 2 weeks post vaccine dose).

Persons who do not meet all of the above criteria should continue to follow the above guidelines for individuals who are not vaccinated after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

Do not need to quarantine but are required to wear a mask indoors for 14 days.

Continue to watch for signs and symptoms of Covid such as sore throat, cough, loss of taste or smell, fever. If any of these symptoms persist, seek medical attention immediately.

3) The CDC does recommend a COVID test 3-5 days following exposure even if not having any symptoms