



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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# EDUCATION

## Preliminary Contact Identification

Please follow the questions in sequence in order to identify close contacts.

1. Is the COVID-19 positive individual a student or a staff member?
  - a. If student, proceed to question 2.
  - b. If staff member, proceed to question 8.
2. Is the potential close contact a student or staff member?
  - a. If student, proceed to question 3.
  - b. If staff member, the proceed to question 7.
3. Was the potential close contact less than 6 feet from the COVID-19 positive student for more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period during the infectious period?<sup>1</sup>
  - a. If yes, proceed to question 4.
  - b. If no, the person should not be identified as a close contact.
4. Was the potential close contact less than 3 feet from the COVID-19 positive student for more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period during the infectious period?
  - a. If yes, the person should be identified as a close contact.\*
  - b. If no, proceed to question 5.
5. Did the interaction between the COVID-19 positive student and the potential close contact occur in the school indoor classroom setting?
  - a. If yes, proceed to question 6.
  - b. If no, the person should be identified as a close contact.\*
6. Were both the COVID-19 positive student and the potential close contact engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting face masks?
  - a. If yes, the person should not be identified as a close contact.
  - b. If no, the person should be identified as a close contact.\*
7. Was the potential close contact within 6 feet of the COVID-19 positive student for more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period during the infectious period?
  - a. If yes, the person should be identified as a close contact.\*
  - b. If no, the person should not be identified as a close contact.
8. Was the potential close contact within 6 feet of the COVID-19 positive staff member for more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period during the infectious period?
  - a. If yes, the person should be identified as a close contact.\*
  - b. If no, the person should not be identified as a close contact.

\*If the person identified as a close contact is asymptomatic AND is either fully vaccinated or has recovered from COVID-19 in the last 90 days, then they should not be excluded from school. They should receive information to monitor for symptoms for 14 days and isolate if they develop symptoms.

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<sup>1</sup> The infectious period starts two days before symptom onset date (or positive test date for people who do not have symptoms), and typically ends 10 days after symptom onset date (or positive test date for people who do not have symptoms).