



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CHART FOR ALABAMA'S SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE FACILITIES

EXCLUSION AND READMISSION CRITERIA FOR COVID-19 CASES AND CLOSE CONTACTS

COVID-19 CASE EXCLUSION

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or are reported to ADPH as being suspected of having COVID-19 should isolate. The isolation time period for a person that tests positive for COVID-19 is 10 days from symptom onset or 10 days from the date a test is administered.

COVID-19 CLOSE CONTACTS EXCLUSION

Close contacts to COVID-19 positive individuals should quarantine for 10-14 days unless they meet an exception. Currently, the exceptions to quarantine include asymptomatic fully vaccinated individuals; asymptomatic individuals that tested positive for COVID-19 within 90 days and have recovered, and asymptomatic students in the k-12 indoor classroom setting that consistently wear masks that were within 3-6 feet of a positive individual that also wore a mask.

Quarantine and Isolation for non-healthcare personnel - <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-timeframes-isolation-quarantine.pdf>

The quarantine information for students is the same for non-healthcare personnel with the addition of the K-12 in class exception.

Exposure Notification: School officials should notify parents of students who are close contacts to a diagnosed COVID-19 Case as soon as possible.

The CDC definition of a close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period within the 2 days before the case became symptomatic or tested positive or during the 10 days following symptom onset or testing positive.

In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were at least 3 feet or more away from the infected student if:

- both students were consistently and correctly using well-fitted masks; and
- other K-12 school prevention strategies (such as universal and correct mask use, physical distancing, increased ventilation) were in place in the K-12 school setting.

Exclude From School or Childcare Facility:

- Unvaccinated individuals who are identified as a close contact and do not meet the K-12 indoor classroom student criteria above should be sent home to quarantine for 14 days (10 days is acceptable if 14 days is not possible).
- Fully vaccinated individuals who are or become symptomatic should be sent home and should be assessed by a healthcare provider and tested for COVID-19. If positive, then the individual should stay at home for 10 days and be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicines with symptoms resolved before returning to school. If negative and given an alternate non-COVID-19 diagnosis, then the individual should be excluded for the disease-specific time frame.

Exceptions to Exclusion From School or Childcare Facility:

- Asymptomatic, fully vaccinated close contacts do not need to be sent home but should monitor for symptoms, and isolate if symptoms develop.
- Asymptomatic close contacts who have tested positive for and recovered from COVID-19 in the prior 3 months do not need to be sent home unless they develop symptoms.
- Asymptomatic close contacts who meet the K-12 indoor classroom student exclusion noted in the previous section do not need to be sent home unless they develop symptoms.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS Broad range of symptoms include:



Fever



Cough



Shortness of breath



Chills



Fatigue



Headache



Muscle and body aches



New loss of taste or smell



Sore throat



Runny nose or congestion



Nausea, diarrhea, or vomiting