COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

- Presumptive Contact: student/staff who shared a classroom with another person who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Close Contact (3-6 ft, 15 mins or more): not a category in school exposures anymore, only through community exposure.
- Ongoing Household Exposure: student/staff who are in ongoing contact with a positive COVID case within the household.

Protocol for individual who tests positive for COVID-19 (in or out of school)

Student tests positive for COVID-19

- Stay home/go home and isolate for 5 days.
- Notify any close contacts.

RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER DAY 5 IF:

1. Symptoms improve
2. Fever-free without fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours
3. Wear a mask around others through Day 10
4. *The Vermont Department of Health also strongly recommends that positive individuals get tested on Day 4 and 5 with antigen tests
5. If a student meets criteria 1-3, they do not need a negative test to return to school.
Protocol for symptomatic student

Symptomatic student:
Fever (100.4 or higher),
cough, shortness of breath or
difficulty breathing, chills,
fatigue, muscle or body
aches, headache, sore throat,
new loss of taste or smell,
congestion or runny nose,
nausea or vomiting, diarrhea

• Stay home or go home
  and get tested.
• Either take two
  antigen tests 24 hours
  apart or one PCR or
  LAMP test.

Was the test positive?

Yes
See Positive
Case Protocol
on first page.

No
Return to school after
negative test if:
symptoms improve AND
fever free for 24+ hours
without medication.

Unable
to Test
Schools will treat as a
positive COVID case and
families should follow VDH
guidance for isolation
(Positive Case Protocol
above)
Protocol for asymptomatic close contact (Contact outside of school)

Student is asymptomatic, but has been identified as a close contact of a COVID positive person outside of school (e.g. an indoor playdate or birthday party).

Is the student vaccinated (completed primary series of Pfizer vaccine)?

- Yes
  - Student is still able to attend school.
  - Wear a mask around other people for 10 days.
  - No need to quarantine outside of school.
  - Recommended to test on day 5.

- No
  - Student is still able to attend school.
  - Wear a mask around other people for 10 days.
  - Recommended to quarantine outside of school.
  - Recommended to conduct antigen testing every day for 5 days after learning that student is close contact.
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Protocol for Ongoing Household Exposure or individuals with continuous household exposure:

Students can attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic.

Is the student vaccinated (completed primary series of Pfizer vaccine)?

- Yes
  - If individuals are fully vaccinated, it is recommended that they test every 3 to 5 days while their household contact is in isolation and for 5 consecutive days after the household contact ends isolation.

- No
  - If individuals are not fully vaccinated, it is recommended that they test daily while their household contact is in isolation, and for 5 consecutive days after the household contact ends isolation.

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Protocol for Asymptomatic Presumptive Contact (student/staff who shared a classroom with another person who tested positive for COVID-19)

Student can attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic regardless of vaccination status and do not have to quarantine from activities outside of school.

If antigen tests are not available or a student chooses not to test, they are still able to attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic.

All Presumptive Contacts are recommended to mask around others for 10 days after exposure.

Is the student vaccinated (completed primary series of Pfizer vaccine)?

Yes

Recommended to test on Days 4/5 with antigen test or Day 5 with a PCR or LAMP test.

No

Recommended to test on Days 1-5 with antigen test.

If a student tests positive, they should stay home from school and follow the protocol for a positive case.

If student becomes symptomatic they should stay home from school and follow the protocol for a symptomatic student.