

COVID-19 K-12 DECISION TREE

FOR USE WITH STUDENT SCENARIOS TO DETERMINE ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE VIA CDPH'S GROUP TRACING APPROACH

If the student cannot or will not follow the requirements listed below, quarantine for 10 days is required.

Quarantine Requirements

- **Return on Day 6:** It is recommended that the student close contact test ASAP. Return as early as Day 6 is authorized with evidence provided prior to return that a diagnostic specimen collected on or after Day 5 is negative. For household exposures, see the note below.
- **Return on Day 11:** Allows a student to return on Day 11. Testing is recommended on Day 5, 6, or 7, but not required. For household exposures, see the note below.
- **Household Exposures:** A person who lives with someone who is COVID-positive must quarantine until their last contact with the positive household member(s) while they are contagious. In most cases this will be until the day the last COVID-positive household member is no longer required to isolate. Counting from this date, return is possible using the Day 6 or Day 11 options described above.
- **If symptoms develop or a positive test result occurs** during quarantine, require isolation at home and consult the Symptom and Isolation or Asymptomatic Positive tree.

Additional Requirements for Return Before Day 11

- Students must agree to self-monitor for symptoms, wear a face covering over their nose and mouth as required, use good hand hygiene practices, and use good cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Accommodations (like changes in the close contact's work, room, seat, or bus assignments) should be made to ensure that close contacts returning before Day 11 will not be near others who are immunocompromised (i.e. solid organ or bone marrow transplant, chemotherapy, similarly reduced ability to fight infections). If these accommodations cannot be made the close contact must quarantine for 10 days.

