

## **COVID-19 QUARANTINE: CLOSE CONTACT**

Students and staff should be excluded from school if they have symptoms of COVID-19 with or without fever. Students and staff that have been fully vaccinated will not need to quarantine if identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 case or who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days.

Student/Parent or employee reports he or she has close contact with someone who has tested positive who is NOT in their household.

Individual should not come to school/work. The individual should quarantine for 10 days after his or her last exposure with the person testing positive for COVID-19.\*

Student/Parent or employee reports someone in their home was a close contact to someone who tested positive.

Since the individual did not have close contact with the positive person, individual does not have to quarantine and may remain at school.

Individuals identified as close contacts in classroom or within school. These individuals will follow SC DHEC quarantine criteria.

Individual should not come to school/work. The individual should quarantine for 10 days after his or her last exposure with the person testing positive for COVID-19.\*

\*For an additional option to shorten quarantine period to 7 days, refer to:

## **SHORTENED QUARANTINE PERIOD:**

**CLOSE CONTACT** 

## **COVID-19 SYMPTOMS**

One or more of the following symptoms:

- Trouble breathing or shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell
- New or worsening cough
- Fever of at least 100.4

Or two or more of the following symptoms:

- New onset of severe headache
- Fatigue
- Persistent or worsening sore throat
- Congestion or rhinorrhea
- Myalgia (pain in a muscle or group of muscles)
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea

To be considered exposed to COVID-19, you need to be in close contact with a person who has the COVID-19 virus. Close contact includes being within 6 feet of a sick person with the virus for 15 cumulative minutes without the use of a face covering, or within 3 ft. to a person who has tested positive for 15 cumulative minutes if both individuals wear a face covering. The school nurse will determine close contacts and provide exclusion guidance for all students based on SC DHEC guidelines.