

An unvaccinated¹ individual was within 6' of a COVID-19 positive individual for at least 15 minutes² during a 24-hour period. Did this exposure occur in a school setting?

Yes, the exposure occurred at school or a school run activity.

Where did the exposure occur?

Indoors or on the bus

Were they in the classroom, masked, and 3' apart?

Yes

No

Were they on the bus with open windows and masked?

Yes

No

Individuals are close contacts but are exempt from quarantine/test protocols.

Individuals are close contacts. They should follow Protocol B, "Test and Stay" if asymptomatic. If symptomatic, they should follow Protocol C.

Outdoors

No, the exposure did not occur at school. It occurred in a 3rd party setting

Where did the exposure occur?

Outdoors

Indoors

Individuals are not close contacts. Exposure must occur indoors to be considered a close contact.

Individuals are close contacts. They should follow B-2 or B-3 if asymptomatic or Protocol C if symptomatic. They are not eligible for Protocol B-1, "Test and Stay."

EXPOSURE SETTING

EXPOSURE SCENARIO

RESULT

Flow chart based on August 2021 DESE/DPH [Protocols for Responding to COVID-19](#)

¹Note: This chart assumes exposed individuals are unvaccinated. Individuals who are asymptomatic and fully vaccinated are exempt from testing and quarantine protocols. Additionally, An individual who has been previously diagnosed with COVID-19 and then becomes a close contact of someone with COVID-19 is exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols if: a) the exposure occurred within 90 days of the onset of their own illness and b) they are recovered and asymptomatic.

²A close contact is an individual who has been within 6' of a COVID-19 positive individual **while indoors**, for at least 15min during a 24hr period. Multiple brief or transitory interactions are unlikely to result in 15 minutes and thus do not meet the definition of close contact.