



# The Rhode Island Education Operations Center

**START HERE!**  
Student or School Staff Member is Classified as a Close Contact of a COVID-Positive Person by RI Dept. of Health.

**YES**

**NO**

**Has the school told you to stay home and separate yourself from others?**

**YES**

**NO**

1. Notify your school leadership and/or teacher of your situation when confirmed by RI Dept. of Health that you are a close contact and that you have been ordered to quarantine at home.
2. Follow quarantine guidance from RI Dept. of Health as instructed. RI Dept. of Health is the sole authority for official quarantine and isolation orders.
3. Contact RI Dept. of Health with any questions:  
**Hot Line:** (401) 222-8022  
**After Hours Hotline:** Dial 2-1-1, then 5 after selecting language preference.

**Can the school tell you to stay home?**  
Although **only** RI Dept. of Health can place someone on either quarantine or isolation status, **schools have the authority to:**

1. Ask students/staff to stay home for the safety of others.
2. Make a class or grade convert to distance learning.
3. Inform students/staff that RI Dept. of Health will reach out to close contacts to provide quarantine guidance.

**Do you live with a person who feels ill?**

**YES**

**NO**

If a member of your household has symptoms of COVID-19 requiring testing (see symptom decision box) or has been recommended to test by a health care provider, all household members and roommates must also stay home and refrain from having contact with others pending the probable case COVID-19 test result. Note: Household members are not considered to be under quarantine status until contacted by the RI Dept. of Health.

You may continue to go to school or work.

If a person is deemed a close contact, they meet the following criteria. See **DEFINITION OF CLOSE CONTACT BOX**

**DEFINITION OF CLOSE CONTACT**  
Being within 6 feet of an infected person (with or without a face mask) for at least 15 minutes combined over a 24-hour period, or having unprotected direct contact with secretions or excretions of a person with confirmed COVID-19 during the infectious period.

**Quarantine Time Frame:**

1. On order from RI Dept. of Health, quarantine for 14 days after the last day of exposure to the confirmed positive case.
2. If you are a close contact of a COVID-Positive person who lives in your household, you must quarantine throughout that COVID-Positive person's isolation period (10 days) and for an additional 14 days.

**A member-of-household close contact who has continuous/ongoing exposure to the confirmed case is typically quarantined for no less than 24 days.**

**For general COVID-19 questions, call RI Dept. of Health's Hotlines.**

**Business Hours Hotline:**  
401-222-8022

**After Hours Hotline:**  
Dial 2-1-1, then 5 after language preference.

Call 9-1-1 if you begin to experience severe breathing issues, persistent chest pain, new confusion, bluish lips or face, or difficulty maintaining consciousness.

**SYMPTOMS DECISION BOX**  
**COVID-19 Symptoms That Require Testing (Only 1 Required of 5):**  
NEW COUGH  
SHORTNESS OF BREATH  
DIFFICULTY BREATHING  
NEW LOSS OF TASTE  
NEW LOSS OF SMELL

**COVID-19 Symptoms That Require Testing (2 Or More Required):**  
FEVER OVER 100.4 DEG. F  
CHILLS  
MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES  
HEADACHE  
SORE THROAT  
FATIGUE  
NEW CONGESTION  
NEW RUNNY NOSE  
NAUSEA OR VOMITING  
DIARRHEA

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