

QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE K-12 SETTINGS

Rhode Island's Health and Safety Guidance for Pre K-12 for Fall 2021-22 recommends schools follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requirements for quarantine of close contacts.

A CLOSE CONTACT of someone infected with COVID-19 is defined as

- Someone who was within **six feet of a person infected with COVID-19** for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- An **infected person with symptoms** can spread COVID-19, two days before they have any symptoms until they meet the criteria for ending isolation. An **infected person without symptoms** can spread COVID-19 two days before the date they were tested until they meet the criteria to end isolation.

QUARANTINE is required in Pre K-12 settings if

- Someone was within six feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes over a 24-hour period, **unless** the close contact
 - Is **fully vaccinated**. A person is fully vaccinated 14 days after getting all doses of an FDA-approved or WHO-approved COVID-19 vaccine; **OR**
 - Has been **diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 90 days**; **OR**
 - **Is a Pre K-12 student and all of these criteria are true:**
 - ✓ Both the infected person and close contact are Pre K-12 students;
 - ✓ Both the close contact and the infected student wore face masks at all times during the close contact exposure;
 - ✓ The exposure happened inside in a Pre K-12 classroom; and
 - ✓ The infected person and the close contact were at least three feet apart at all times during the close contact exposure.

Note: These Pre K-12 exception criteria do not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

Schools should continue to follow [Rhode Island's QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS](#).

- The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) recommends that schools implement the “**seven days with a negative test result**” quarantine option. This option is the least disruptive to students and families. It is important to keep students in school this year because schools do not have to offer remote learning options. With this option, close contacts can return to school on day 8 as long as they have a negative test result from Day 5 or later. Close contacts should watch for symptoms until 14 days after they were exposed.
- Schools should continue to provide seating charts and contact information to RIDOH when there are COVID-19 cases among students or staff.

All close contacts who have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days should GET TESTED.

- **Fully vaccinated** close contacts should get tested three to five days after they were exposed.
- Any close contact who is **not fully vaccinated** should get tested right away and again in five to seven days after exposure.
- **Everyone** should wear a mask when they are in public and indoors for 14 days after they were exposed or until they receive a negative test result.

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IMPLEMENTING QUARANTINE FOR CLOSE CONTACTS IN PRE K-12 SETTINGS

WHO NEEDS TO QUARANTINE?

Who needs to quarantine?

- Any close contact who was within six feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes during a 24-hour period.

Who does not need to quarantine?

- **Close contacts who are fully vaccinated.**
A person is fully vaccinated 14 days after getting all doses of an FDA-approved or WHO-approved COVID-19 vaccine.
-OR-
- Close contacts who have been **diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 90 days.**
-OR-
- **Pre K-12 students, if all of these exception criteria are true:**
 - Both the close contact and infected person are **Pre K-12 students**;
 - The exposure happened inside in a **Pre K-12 classroom**;
 - Both students **wore face masks at all times** while they were in close contact; and
 - **Students were at least three feet apart from each other** at all times when they were in close contact.

QUARANTINE DECISION FLOWCHART

A Pre K-12 student was in close contact with another Pre K-12 student who has COVID-19 while they were inside in a Pre K-12 classroom.

