

Student Quarantine and Isolation Guidance

When a student tests positive for COVID-19 or comes into “close contact” with someone that tests positive for COVID-19 they will need to transition into virtual instruction. **Close contact** is defined as being within six feet of someone that tested positive for COVID-19 for at least fifteen cumulative minutes over a 24-hour period. In elementary schools, a close contact may include an entire classroom of students if the students are not able to maintain physical distance to one another. In the middle and high schools, close contact will be determined based on the findings of the District’s and local health department’s contact tracing efforts.

The following chart delineates how long students in such situations will need to participate in virtual instruction before being able to access in-person instruction again. Please stay in contact with your healthcare provider, school healthcare personnel, and local health department. They will guide you through the quarantine and isolation process and will determine the best date for returning to in-person instruction for your student.

IF	THEN	Calendar days Assigned for Virtual Instruction
Your child tests positive for COVID-19	Your child will be assigned virtual instruction for days school is in session over the course of at least 10 days. The last day prior to your child’s return to in-person instruction, your child must be symptom-free.	At least 10 from date of test or onset date
Someone in your child’s household tests positive for COVID-19	Your child will be assigned virtual instruction during the time any members of the household that test positive are isolating plus an additional fourteen calendar days after the infected member/s of the household are released from isolation. <i>This assumes the child continues to be in direct, close contact with the household member while they are infectious. If the COVID-19 positive household member is able to isolate separately from the child, the child would follow the virtual instruction guidelines for “close contacts.” This also assumes your child does not develop symptoms during the quarantine period.</i>	At least 24 From date of household members onset date
Someone your child has been in “close contact” with tests positive for COVID-19	Your child will be assigned virtual instruction for days school is in session over the course of 14 days. If your child is symptom-free throughout this time your child can return to in-person instruction upon completion of their quarantine. <i>This assumes your child does not develop symptoms during the quarantine period.</i>	At least 14 From date of exposure

For more info:

[Wisconsin Department of Health Services](https://www.wisconsin.gov/health-services)
www.cdc.gov/covid19