

Exclusion criteria for persons with COVID-19, COVID-19 compatible symptoms and unvaccinated close contacts¹

	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk	Very High Risk
COVID-19 positive (viral test), symptomatic or asymptomatic	<p>Exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria Identify and exclude unvaccinated school based close contacts</p>			<p>Further recommendations will be based on additional circumstances and available resources at that time</p>
COVID-19 - compatible symptoms but not tested for COVID-19	<p>If no potential exposure to a COVID-19 case in the last 14 days, individual can follow NJDOH School Exclusion List</p> <p>If person has potential exposure to COVID-19 in the last 14 days, exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria</p>	<p>If no potential exposure to a COVID-19 case in the last 14 days AND an alternative diagnosis from a healthcare provider, follow NJDOH School Exclusion List</p> <p>If no potential exposure to a COVID-19 case in the last 14 days but without an alternative diagnosis from a healthcare provider, exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria</p>	<p>If no potential exposure to a COVID-19 case in the last 14 days AND an alternative diagnosis from a healthcare provider, follow NJDOH School Exclusion List</p> <p>If no potential exposure to a COVID-19 case in the last 14 days but without alternative diagnosis from a healthcare provider, exclude according to COVID-19 exclusion criteria</p>	
COVID-19 - compatible symptoms and negative COVID-19 test (viral test) ²	<p>Follow NJDOH School Exclusion List</p>			
Unvaccinated close contact of staff or student with COVID-19 ^{3,4}	<p>Close contacts who are not fully vaccinated should be excluded for 10 days (in absence of testing) from date of last contact. Close contacts who test negative during the 5th through 7th days following date of last contact may return on the 8th day or thereafter.</p>			

1. In all risk levels, students and staff who are not fully vaccinated and who are household members of a student/staff member with COVID-19 compatible symptoms that meets [COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria](#) should be excluded from school until the symptomatic individual receives a negative test result. If the symptomatic individual tests positive, the household member will need to quarantine.

2. Symptomatic individuals with high likelihood of COVID-19 (for example, who are close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases or who have had suspected exposure to a person with COVID-19 AND who are not fully vaccinated AND have not had COVID-19 in the past 3 months) who test negative by rapid antigen test should undergo confirmatory testing with a molecular test (for example RT-PCR)

3. Fully vaccinated persons who have close contact with someone with COVID-19 do NOT need to be excluded from school if they are asymptomatic but should be referred for testing 5-7 days after exposure.

4. Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 90 days who have close contact with someone with COVID-19 and are asymptomatic do NOT need to be excluded from school and do not need to be tested.