

Protocol for Schools Assisting Health Department in Close Contact Identification for COVID-19 Cases among Students

School notified by family or Health Department about student with **positive** test for novel coronavirus

Positive student* AND household contacts** immediately excluded from school until approved by the Health Department for return to school.

Contacts identified: Students with close contact with the **positive** student:

- During the student’s infectious period (48 hours before and for 10 days after symptoms developed)
- Within 6 feet
- Contact >15 minutes

Classroom contacts seated within 6 feet in the front, side, and back of student

Lunch contacts within 6 feet for > 15 minutes

Free period contacts within 6 feet for > 15 minutes

Transportation contacts within 6 feet for > 15 minutes

Sports team or extracurricular contacts within 6 feet for > 15 minutes

Provide list of students and staff who are possible close contacts of positive case to the Health Department:

- Student/staff name and date of birth
- For students, parent(s) name and phone number
- Home address
- Face covering usage***

Positive student information including class name(s), date of last attendance, and information as above.

Health Department will determine which students should be quarantined and excluded from school.**

*****Face covering** usage may be considered for those students who can reliably be expected to wear and report compliance with mask usage.

*Students with a positive test will be isolated and should not come to school until no fever for \geq 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication) AND symptoms improving AND approved by the local health department to return to school (typically 10-14 days from start of symptoms). For St. Louis City, patients must also be released by primary care provider.

**Students who are determined to be close contacts will be quarantined and should not come to school until at least 14 days after last potential exposure AND approved by the local Health Department for return to school.

Health Department	Phone
St. Louis County case reporting (cdcs.doh@stlouisco.com)	314-615-2660
St. Louis County provider question (provider-COVID@stlouisco.com)	
St. Louis County school nurse liaison (School-COVID@stlouis.com)	
St. Louis City	314-657-1499
St. Louis City school reporting (casereporting@stlouis-mo.gov)	314-657-1453
St. Charles County	636-949-1899
Missouri Department of Health	877-435-8411
Illinois Department of Health	800-889-3931