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# Steps for Determining Close Contact and Quarantine in K-12 Schools

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## Determine If Someone Is a Close Contact

**STEP 1** Is the suspected close contact a student or adult?

STUDENT: Go to [Step 2](#).

ADULT: Go to [Step 8](#).

**STEP 2** Did the suspected close contact happen in an indoor classroom or a structured outdoor setting?

YES: Go to [Step 3](#).

NO: Go to [Step 6](#).

**STEP 3** Was the student within 3 feet of another student with COVID-19?

YES: Go to [Step 7](#).

NO: Go to [Step 4](#).

**STEP 4** Was the student within 3 to 6 feet of another student with COVID-19?

YES: Go to [Step 5](#).

NO: The student is **not** a close contact.

**STEP 5** Were both students wearing their masks consistently and correctly?

YES: The student is **not** a close contact.

NO: Go to [Step 7](#).

**STEP 6** Was the student within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19?

YES: Go to [Step 7](#).

NO: The student is **not** a close contact.

**STEP 7** Was the student in the presence of someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period?

YES: The student **is** a close contact. Go to the [quarantine recommendations below](#).

NO: The student is **not** a close contact.

**STEP 8** Did the suspected close contact for the adult happen at school?

**YES:** Go to [Step 9](#).

**NO:** The adult may want to learn if they are [considered a close contact](#) based on their suspected exposure outside of school.

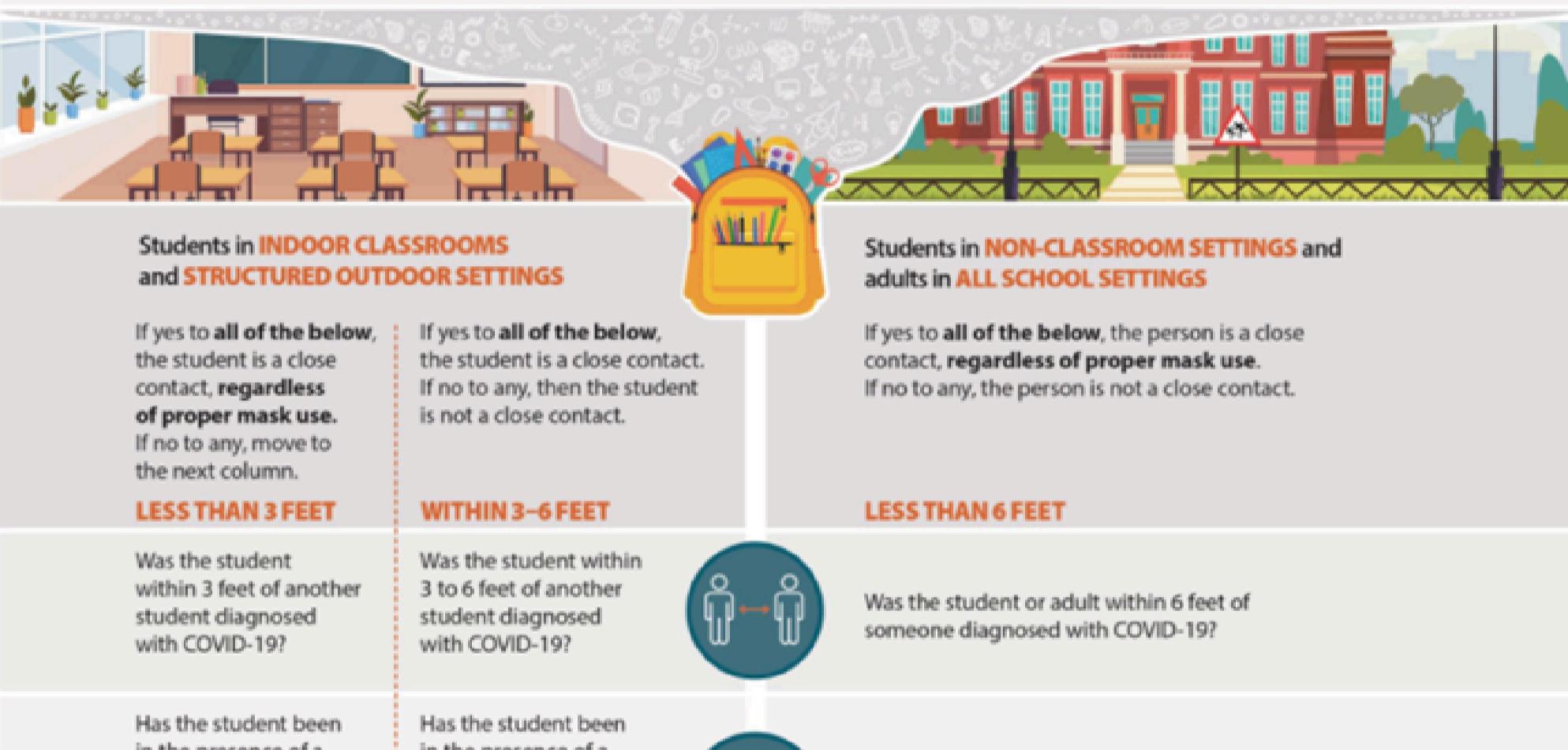
**STEP 9** Was the adult less than 6 feet away from someone diagnosed with COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period?

**YES:** The adult is a close contact, regardless of proper mask use. Go to the [quarantine recommendations below](#).

**NO:** The adult is **not** a close contact.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/K-12-infographic.html>

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# Quarantine Guidelines and Precautions a Close Contact Should Take

## All Close Contacts Should Take These Precautions

Regardless of vaccination status, all close contacts should monitor for symptoms and [wear a well-fitting mask](#) around others for 10 days after the last close contact.

If a close contact develops [any COVID-19 symptoms](#), they should [isolate](#), get tested immediately, and continue to isolate if they test positive.

**IF CLOSE CONTACT****Is NOT up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations****Stay home and quarantine**

The close contact should stay home and:

- Quarantine for at least 5 days from the date of last close contact
- [Get tested](#) at least 5 days after the last close contact
- Follow the [precautions listed above](#)

**IF CLOSE CONTACT****IS up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations****No quarantine**

If they have taken the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine and boosters as recommended, they are up to date.

The close contact does not need to quarantine, but should:

- [Get tested](#) at least 5 days after the last close contact
- Follow the [precautions listed above](#)

**IF CLOSE CONTACT****Had COVID-19 within the past 90 days and recovered****No quarantine**

The close contact does not need to quarantine. They should speak with a healthcare professional about testing recommendations and follow the [precautions listed above](#)

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