

## QCSD Exclusion From and Return to School Requirements

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Scenario	Exclude From School	Return to School After...
#1 – No Symptoms	No	Not applicable
#2 – COVID-19 Symptoms	Yes	Individual should be tested for COVID-19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ If test result is <u>negative</u>, return to school 3 days after symptoms are no longer present.</li> <li>➤ If test result is <u>positive</u>, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3.</li> </ul>
#3 – Positive COVID-19 PCR Test <u>with</u> Symptoms	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 3 days with no fever <b>and</b></li> <li>✓ Improvement in symptoms <b>and</b></li> <li>✓ 10 days since symptoms first appeared</li> </ul>
#4 – Positive COVID-19 PCR Test <u>without</u> Symptoms	Yes	10 days after the PCR test was collected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ If symptoms develop during 10 days, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3.</li> </ul>
#5 – Close Contact	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ If the close contact is with a household member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If the positive individual can maintain isolation<sup>*</sup>, close contacts should quarantine for 14 days after the positive individual entered isolation</li> <li>○ If isolation cannot be maintained, household contacts should quarantine for the 10 days the positive individual is considered contagious plus an additional 10 days<sup>+</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ If the close contact is with a non-household member, return to school 10 days<sup>++</sup> after the last exposure to the person with COVID-19 as long as you remain asymptomatic<sup>+++</sup></li> <li>➤ If symptoms develop, follow return to school guidance for scenario #2.</li> </ul>

**\*Isolation is defined as the positive individual being in a room with a private bathroom and not coming out of that room for meals, socializing, etc. during their 10 day isolation period**

**+There is an opportunity to test out of a portion of the last 10 days of quarantine. If the person identified as a close contact remains asymptomatic, they can be tested on or after day 15 of the 20 day quarantine period and with proof of a negative result, return to school on day 18.**

**++14 day quarantine if close contact is from the bus.**

**+++There is an opportunity to test out of the last few days of the quarantine period. If the person identified as a close contact remains asymptomatic, they can be tested on or after day 5 of the quarantine period and with proof of a negative result, return to school on day 8.**

### Notifications:

- Staff and students should notify the school if an absence is due to COVID-19.
- Schools should notify the Bucks County Health Department by calling 215-529-7000 of any confirmed case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality. The Bucks County Health Department will conduct an investigation and contact tracing, and provide appropriate guidance.
- These requirements may be adjusted in individual circumstances based on advice from Dr. Damsker.