

Rahway Public Schools  
Illness, Close Contact, and Quarantine Protocol  
(Board Approved: Oct. 12, 2021)

**If A Person Has...**

**Positive Test or Symptoms:**

May return to school after:

- 10 days from onset and no fever for 48 hours and no other symptoms.
- Asymptomatic 10 days after positive test.

**Close Contact as defined by the State of New Jersey:**

Per the CDC, close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of someone with suspected or known COVID-19 for 15 or more minutes during a 24-hour period.

*Exception:* In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.

This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

**Quarantine:**

CDC recommends that persons who clinically recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months and those who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after having close contact with someone with COVID-19, as long as they remain asymptomatic.

**14-day quarantine is preferred for all individuals and groups where feasible.**

When 14 Days is Not Feasible or Causes **UNDUE HARDSHIP...**

- After Day 7, if the individual tests **negative** with a PCR viral test (**no home test**) on or after day 5 and if **no symptoms** were reported during daily monitoring.

Note: The specimen must be collected no earlier than day 5, and quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7. Home tests will not be accepted. The person should remain in quarantine until the results are received and are negative.

Days are counted from day of last exposure to positive person.

**NOTE: All protocols are subject to change based on local health statistics.**

[https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID\\_updated\\_quarantine\\_timeframes.pdf](https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID_updated_quarantine_timeframes.pdf);

<https://www.nj.gov/education/roadforward/docs/HealthAndSafetyGuidanceSY2122.pdf>