

COVID-19 Quarantine Procedures

▶ Understanding the latest quarantine procedures and how masking helps prevent quarantine

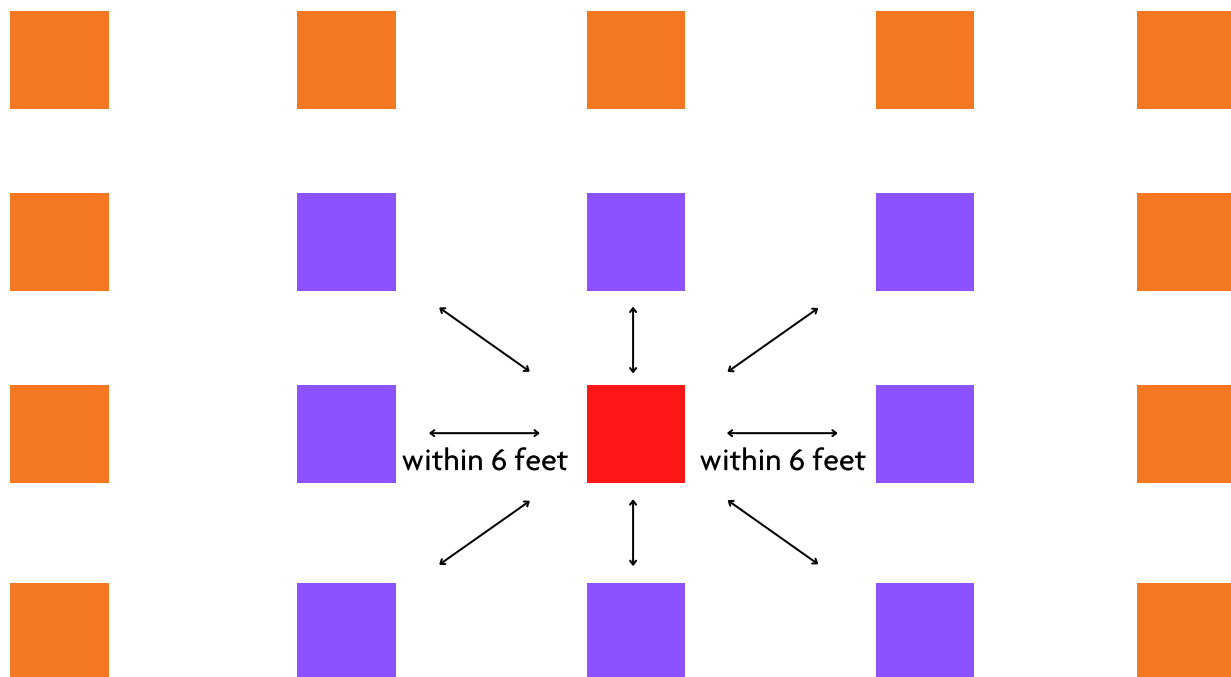
Our main goal this school year is to protect 5 day per week in-person learning. Our COVID-19 plan seeks to reduce large-scale quarantines and keep schools open for in-person learning.

Quarantines in the classroom

The Vigo County Health Department determines quarantines using contact tracing information provided by the Vigo County School Corporation. The Vigo County Health Department determines quarantines. As a guiding principal, those who are within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more in an unmasked setting are subject to quarantine unless they are vaccinated and asymptomatic.

When everyone is masked, students and staff are not usually subject to quarantine.

Classroom Example



If the red seat is a confirmed positive, orange is not subject to quarantine. Purple is subject to quarantine only if students are unmasked. If everyone is masked, only the positive case will be subject to isolation. Vaccinated, asymptomatic individuals may not be subject to quarantine.

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► FAQ for quarantine situations

The Vigo County Health Department determines quarantines using contact tracing information provided by the Vigo County School Corporation. Because of changes due to vaccination, mask wearing, and evolving knowledge surrounding COVID-19, quarantine situations have changed. This document was developed in partnership with the Vigo County Health Department and is subject to change based on local, state, and federal regulations.

Quarantine Options Used

- 7 days:** If you are a close contact but do not have symptoms, you may choose a 7 day quarantine. To be eligible, you must have a PCR test on or after day 5. You may return on day 8 with proof of a negative PCR test and no symptoms. You must be masked for the remainder of the 14 days.
- 10 days:** If you are a close contact but do not have symptoms, you may choose a 10 day quarantine. You may return on day 11 with no symptoms. You must be masked for the remainder of the 14 days.
- 14 days:** If you are a close contact and have symptoms, you must complete a 14 day quarantine. It is highly recommended that you get tested.

FAQ

- Q:** If I am vaccinated, can I be quarantined?
A: Yes, but only if you exhibit symptoms. If you are a close contact, it is recommended that you stay masked and distanced for 14 days.
- Q:** If I am masked, can I be quarantined?
A: Masks work by limiting the mask wearer's spread. If a person is a close contact to an unmasked positive person, they are subject to quarantine. If everyone is masked, you are not usually subject to quarantine.
- Q:** Can I be quarantined as a result of outdoor close contact?
A: Only if you exhibit symptoms or have extreme close contact. Masks are not required outdoors.
- Q:** Can I be quarantined as a result of close contact on a bus?
A: Masks are required on buses due to a federal mandate. Because everyone is required to be masked on a bus--even during extracurricular trips--quarantines will not occur as a result of close contact on a bus.
- Q:** If I am a 12-year-old 6th grader, do I need to wear a mask during forward-facing instruction?
A: Yes, because most 6th graders are unable to be vaccinated.
- Q:** Can I be quarantined as a result of close contact at lunch or other unmasked situations?
A: Yes. The rule for quarantine is unmasked within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more.