

# Isolation and Exclusion Guidelines for K-12 Settings

This decision tree is to help guide school staff in understanding who needs to isolate or should be excluded from school.

**Isolation** is at least a 5-day period for people who have tested positive or have two primary symptoms after being exposed to COVID-19. Individuals are recommended to mask for 5 additional days (day 6 through day 10) after the end of their 5-day isolation period. An individual should continue isolation if symptoms are not improving by day 5.

**Exclusion** means keeping a student or staff member out of a school setting if they exhibit symptoms of communicable disease.

**Enhanced exposure testing** may be offered by schools to cohorts which include individuals at increased risk of severe disease (e.g., individuals with underlying medical conditions or immunocompromised status, individuals age 65 and older, and those who live with individuals at increased risk).

