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P-12 Schools and Higher Education Quarantine Reference Sheet

NYSDOH allows local health departments to use duration, proximity and presence of symptoms to determine who is an exposed contact from a school setting that should be placed in quarantine.

This reference document is based on the expectation that ALL individuals will be wearing masks, except for when eating or during mask breaks

Exposure circumstances:	Quarantine Determination:
Wearing a mask AND 6ft or greater away	No Quarantine
Wearing a mask AND less than 6ft away for less than 15 minutes	No Quarantine
Less than 6ft for 15 minutes or more	Quarantine for 10 days from date of exposure
Large school buses – 6ft proximity surrounding the case (usually row next to case, in front of case and behind case).	Quarantine for 10 days from date of exposure
Large school buses – greater than 6ft away	No Quarantine
Small school buses or vans	Reviewed on case by case basis
Non-Classroom Setting (lunch break areas, cafeteria, etc.)	Reviewed on case by case basis

*If knowledge about times and distances is unavailable, all individuals with the confirmed case for 15 minutes or more may be subject to quarantine.

Individuals who are NOT subject to quarantine:

- Individuals who have previously tested positive, are asymptomatic and it has been with three months (90 days) of their date of first symptom.
- Individuals who have reached two weeks post their second COVID-19 vaccination at the time of exposure (FULLY VACCINATED).

***Columbia County Department of Health has the right to deviate from the above, at its discretion, following the investigation of circumstances.