

Exclusion duration for close contacts:

Unvaccinated individuals who are close contacts of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 and who are asymptomatic may use an exclusion period of 10 days (or 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days) but continue to monitor for symptoms for 14 days after exposure. Depending on local conditions and capacities, childcare facilities may choose to continue implementing a 14-day quarantine duration. Additional information is described in [CDC's COVID-19 Guidance for Operating Early Care and Education/Child Care Programs](#)

Centers serving medically complex or other high-risk individuals should use a 14-day exclusion period for the exclusion of these individuals or those who work closely with them when identified as close contacts.

COVID-19 Exclusion Table

Individuals who:	Should stay home and away from others until:
Have symptoms of COVID-19 AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have tested positive (by PCR, rapid molecular or antigen testing) OR • have not been tested (i.e., monitoring for symptoms at home) AND have not received an alternate diagnosis by HCP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared AND • They have had no fever for at least 24 hours (one full day without the use of medicine that reduces fever) AND • Symptoms have improved (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)
Have NO symptoms of COVID-19 AND have tested positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 days have passed from the collection date of their positive COVID-19 diagnostic test AND they have not developed symptoms.
Have symptoms of COVID-19 AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have no known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the past 14 days AND received and alternate diagnosis by HCP OR • have tested negative 	Follow NJDOH School Exclusion List
Are identified as an unvaccinated <u>close contact</u> of a case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>10 days (in absence of testing)</u> from date of last contact. Close contacts who test negative during the 5th through 7th days following date of last contact may return on the 8th day or after even if they test negative.