

What is Modified Quarantine?

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Who is eligible?

Modified Quarantine can be assigned to those who have had low-level exposure to a person positive for COVID-19.

- A person *with COVID-19* is **NOT ELIGIBLE** for modified quarantine.
- A person who *has symptoms* consistent with COVID-19 is **NOT ELIGIBLE** for modified quarantine.
- A person who *cannot wear a mask* is **NOT ELIGIBLE** for modified quarantine (i.e., those with mask exemptions in their IEPs, 504s, swimmers, etc.).
- A person who has *high-exposure* (i.e., household exposure) is not eligible for modified quarantine.
- A person who *does not follow the rules* of modified quarantine will be assigned virtual learning for a period of 10 days post last day of known exposure (7 days with a negative test no less than 5 days following exposure).



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What does it mean?

A modified quarantine means that a close contact can attend school/work so long as they follow certain rules:

1. The individual *must wear a mask at ALL* times, except when eating/drinking. When eating or drinking, they may remove their mask so long as they are at least 6 feet away from others.
2. If at any point they develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they must *stay home* and alert the school health office.



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How would it begin?

1. When school staff learn of a positive case in school, those who are considered “exposed” (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer) will report to the school health office.
2. The school nurse will assess those exposed for symptoms.
 - a. Those **demonstrating symptoms** presently or over the 24 hours prior to exposure without medication *will be sent home*.
 - b. Those **who are asymptomatic** will return to class after receiving guidance on modified quarantine. *Parents/guardians of those exposed will be contacted to confirm the status of quarantine.*



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The Bucks County Health Department Confirms a Level of Quarantine

All close contacts will be reported to the Bucks County Health Department (BCHD), who will confirm the type of quarantine assigned to each contact. Options include:

- Modified Quarantine
- Quarantine
- Ongoing Quarantine

If the BCHD assigns a quarantine method different than what was originally communicated to parents and guardians, the school will communicate the changed quarantine status with parents/guardians.

