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**Introduction:** This document is intended to be used by School Officials as a guide for COVID-19 definitions.

## Excluded, Quarantine or Isolation: What's the difference?

**Excluded** – keeps someone who **has symptoms** away from others.

**Quarantine**- keeps someone who **might have been exposed** to the virus away from others.

**Isolation**- keeps someone who is **infected** with the virus away from others.

The infographic is a rectangular box with a blue border, divided into two horizontal sections. The top section has a yellow background and is titled 'QUARANTINE' in bold blue letters. It features a white person icon and a bulleted list: 'healthy person', 'exposed', and 'staying at home + away from others'. The bottom section has a white background and is titled 'ISOLATION' in bold blue letters. It features an orange person icon and a bulleted list: 'known case', 'sick (even mild symptoms)', and 'staying at home + away from others'. A blue circle with 'VS' in white is centered between the two sections. A small blue square icon with a white 'D' is in the bottom left corner of the infographic.



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- I. **Excluded but not quarantined or isolated-**
  - Student or staff demonstrating 2 or more low risk symptoms or
  - 1 or more high risk symptoms but
  - without a known close contact to a lab confirmed positive and
  - without a clinical diagnosis from a physician for COVID-19.
  
- II. **Quarantined-**
  - Student or staff that is a close contact by being within six feet of a lab confirmed positive for a cumulative time of 15 minutes or more.
  - They are not symptomatic, however if they become symptomatic, they are now classified as isolated as a probable not quarantined.
  
- III. **Isolated-**
  - A. **Suspect** (excluded students or staff not seeking a test but sees a physician)
    - A physician clinically diagnoses COVID-19 (patient meets clinical criteria below) but the patient does not have an epidemiologic link(close contact) or presumptive laboratory test (antigen or antibody) for COVID-19.
  - B. **Probable**
    - Meets clinical criteria (see below) **AND** epidemiologic evidence (see below) **with no medical diagnosis or no presumptive or confirmed laboratory testing**
    - Meets presumptive laboratory testing (antigen or antibody detection) **AND** either clinical criteria **OR** epidemiologic evidence
  - C. **Positive or Confirmed**
    - Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence with a CPR test

**\*Important note: total case counts** reported on the ODH COVID-19 Dashboard include **both** confirmed and probable case counts but not suspect. HCPH only posts Confirmed tests.

**Definitions:**

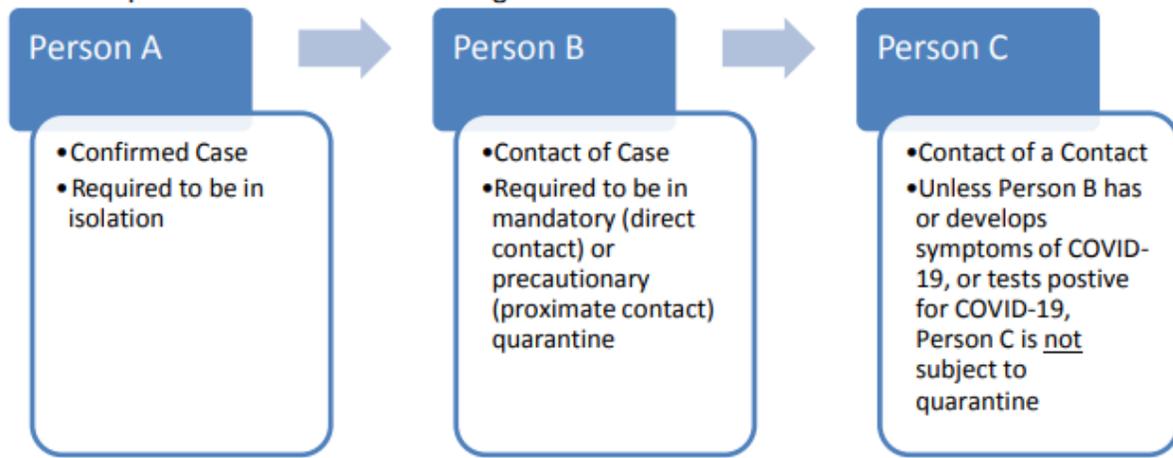
- To meet “clinical criteria” you must have:
  - At least two of the following “low risk” symptoms:
    1. Fever (>100.4F) chills,
    2. Congestion/ runny nose,
    3. Nausea/vomiting,
    4. Diarrhea,
    5. headache,
    6. sore throat,
    7. Muscle weakness/body aches/fatigue
  
  - OR** at least one of the following “high risk” symptoms:
    1. new cough,
    2. Shortness of breath / difficulty breathing
    3. new change or loss of smell and taste

**AND**

    - No alternative more likely diagnosis
  
- To meet “epidemiologic evidence,” you must have a known exposure (close contact) or probable exposure due to an outbreak or travel in the 14 days before onset of symptoms

## What is a contact of a contact?

Any individual (Person C) who is a contact of Person B (i.e. spouse, children, co-workers, etc.) is considered a "contact of a contact". Person C is not at risk for infection and would not be subject to quarantine unless Person B had or developed symptoms, or tested positive for the virus causing COVID-19.



### Additional Guidance:

If an asymptomatic student or staff member is contacted by HCPH as a contact of a confirmed case, they will be required to be under mandatory quarantine or

If an asymptomatic student or staff member is contacted by HCPH as a contact of a probable case, they are required to be under precautionary quarantine in their home.

If an asymptomatic student or staff member lives in the same household as an individual awaiting a COVID-19 test result, the student/staff member *is not mandated* to quarantine in their home, unless/until the household member has a positive COVID-19 test result or the quarantined person or the contact of a contact becomes symptomatic. They can go to school, work, and engage in other extracurricular activities.

The school at its discretion may have a policy of exclusion for a contact of a contact however, as the year progresses the school may be forced into remote learning as the number of children that fall into this category increases.

People who have tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or get tested again for up to 3 months as long as they do not develop symptoms again. People who develop symptoms again within 3 months of their first bout of COVID-19 may need to be tested again if there is no other cause identified for their symptoms.