Who Needs to Quarantine?

Disease

Was there a case of probable or confirmed case of COVID-19?

Risk

Is the school low risk and able to use reduced quarantine and minimum disease control strategies?*

Exposure

Was anyone potentially exposed (a “close contact”) during the infectious period?

Immunity

Was the exposed person immune or protected from COVID-19?

Response

A person should quarantine if they were a close contact of someone with probable or confirmed COVID-19, and were not immune to COVID-19 or protected at the time of exposure, in a school not using reduced quarantine and disease control strategies.

NOTES ON IMPLEMENTATION

A probable or confirmed case of COVID-19 is someone with:
- A positive COVID-19 test, even if later tests are negative OR
- Any major, or two or more minor symptoms of COVID-19 (but has not had a negative test while symptomatic) OR,
- Symptoms after a recent exposure to COVID-19 (but has not had a negative test while symptomatic)

Low Risk schools and reduced quarantine are described in the main body of the Colorado’s Practical Guide for Operationalizing CDC’s School Guidance

A close contact is someone who:
- Was within 3 feet for 15 cumulative minutes over a 24 hour period, OR
- Lives in the same household, OR
- Sleeps in the same space (e.g. roommate), OR
- Had direct contact with sick individuals, OR
- Is identified as a close contact based on public health determination

A person may be considered immune or protected from COVID-19 if they:
- Complete COVID-19 vaccine series (2 week after last vaccine dose) OR
- Test-confirmed infection in past 90 days OR
- Participated in surveillance testing at least one time in the previous week OR
- Both parties wearing a mask at the time of the exposure

In addition, state and local public health agencies have statutory authority to require isolation or quarantine in any circumstance they deem necessary for disease control.