Pathway 3: Students and School Employees Who Are Close Contacts* of Person with Lab-Confirmed COVID-19

START

Student or employee is a close contact* of someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

If student or employee is at home, instruct them to stay home.
If student or employee is at school, send them home. (Students should isolate in designated area until pick-up.)

Student or employee may seek COVID-19 testing.
If choosing to get tested, wait 5-7 days from contact with person who has tested positive (or from the first day of their illness if contact is ongoing).

Stay home from all activities for at least 14 days since the last contact with the person who tested positive or since the last day of their isolation period (up to 24 days).

Positive Test Confirms COVID-19
Isolate at home for at least 10 days from time symptoms began until symptoms improve AND no fever for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medicine).

Negative Test No COVID-19
Stay home from all activities for at least 14 days since the last contact with the person who tested positive or since the last day of their isolation period (up to 24 days). A negative test result does not shorten the duration of quarantine.

* Close contact is defined as a member of the same household or, per CDC, any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before symptom onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to testing) until the patient’s period of isolation has ended.