

## What Happens if My Child Has to Isolate or Quarantine?

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 or if they need to quarantine after being identified as a close contact of a positive individual, you must call the school health office immediately. Students unable to attend school because they need to isolate or quarantine will be able to livestream into their classes.

## Arlington Central School District's Contact Tracing

Based on guidance from the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health, contact tracing and quarantine protocols have been updated to reflect the impact of vaccines.

The 48-hour look back window is the 48 hours prior to symptom onset for the positive person. If the positive person was asymptomatic, it would be 48 hours before the date of the positive test result.

**Cafeteria:** Students and staff in the cafeteria with a positive case within the 48-hour look back window are quarantined if they fall under the definition of a close contact (within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes without a barrier).

**Bus/Vehicle:** Students and staff on the bus with a positive case within the 48-hour look back window are quarantined if they fall under the definition of a close contact (within 6 feet for bus rides over 10 minutes). Six feet is measured by anyone sitting directly in front, behind or next to the positive case.

**Classrooms:** Students and staff in classrooms with a positive case within the 48-hour look back window are quarantined if they fall under the definition of a close contact (within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes without a barrier). This will require us to contact staff to understand the context of the classroom experience.

## Quarantine Guidance

At this time, the current guidance related to quarantining for those who are fully vaccinated or were previously positive is:

- If the individual exposed (close contact) has had a positive lab confirmed case of COVID-19 within the last three months, then the individual does not have to quarantine.
- If an individual, who is fully vaccinated for at least 14 days and within the last three months, is exposed (close contact), they do not need to quarantine.