

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19 QUARANTINE PROCEDURES**  
**Jan 11, 2021**

**Q. Does my child need to quarantine if he/she is in contact with someone who is diagnosed with COVID-19?**

- A.** Your child must quarantine for 10 days after the last day of exposure to the potentially infectious individual, if your child was within six feet of the individual while wearing a mask or your child was in contact with the potentially infectious individual while not wearing a mask.

**Q. If my child is exposed to COVID-19 but tests negative, can he/she leave quarantine early?**

- A.** The Westchester Department of Health does not allow for testing out of quarantine before the 10-day period is completed.

**Q. If my child has been exposed to an individual who tested positive for COVID-19, and my child tests negative for COVID-19, when can my child return to school?**

- A.** Even if your child tests negative, your child must quarantine for 10 days and can return to school on the 11<sup>th</sup> day after exposure if they are symptom-free.

**Q. What is the difference between quarantine and isolation?**

- A.** Quarantine keeps someone who was in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 away from others. Isolation keeps someone who tested positive for COVID-19 away from others, even in their own home.

**Q. If one of my children is required to quarantine due to possible exposure to a positive individual, can my other children attend school?**

- A.** Yes, they can attend school. Quarantine is only required for someone who has had direct contact with a COVID-19 positive individual.

**Q. If my child has any symptoms related to COVID-19, can he/she attend school?**

- A.** Your child may not attend school if he/she has any COVID-19-related symptoms. Please see the [Return to School Guidelines](#) for more information.