

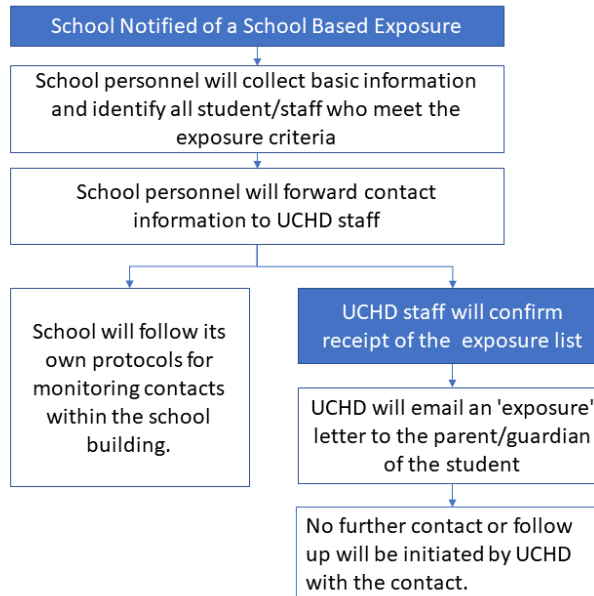
## MEMO

### Revised CDC/ODH Guidance & Process for Contact/Case Notifications for School Partners

TO: School Partners

On December 27, 2021 the CDC issued updated guidance regarding quarantine and isolation related to COVID-19 for the general population. The ODH incorporated this guidance by reference and later expanded the revision to include the Mask-to-stay/Test-to-play guidance document (2022-01-05). This memo only speaks to exposures<sup>i</sup> within a school-based setting<sup>ii</sup>.

Diagram 1. Contact Identification & Notification when a Case is Reported

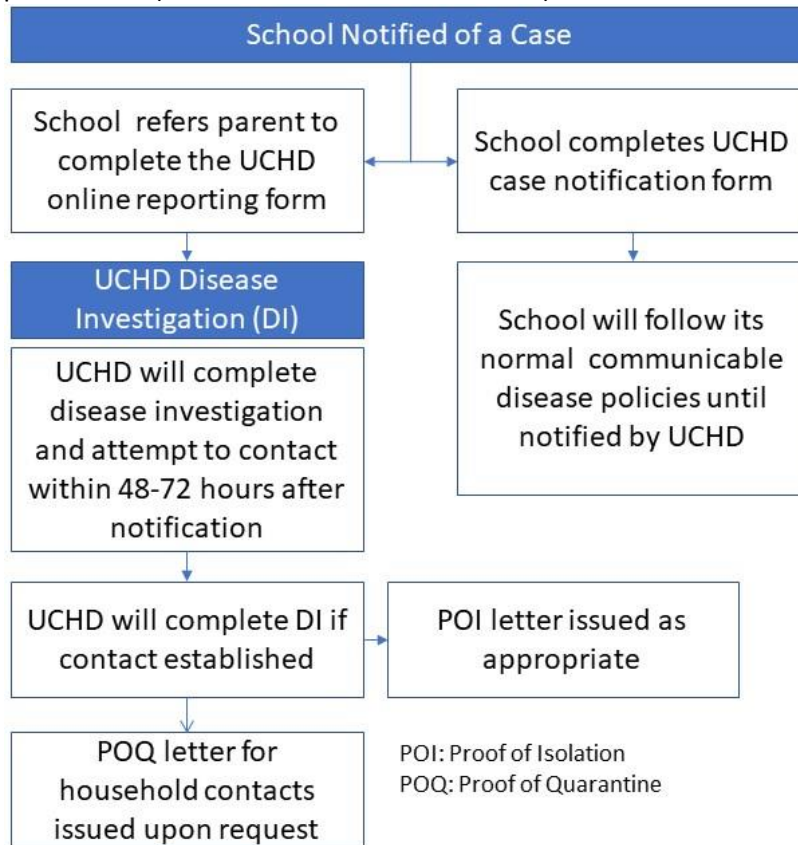


Exposures that occur within a household or within the community do not qualify for the Mask-to-Stay/Test-to-Play and would fall under the general public guidance. Under the general guidance, a contact would be required to quarantine at home for a minimum of five days. Beginning on day six, provided they have no symptoms and can wear a mask, a contact may return to school. If they are unable to mask, then they would complete their full, ten day quarantine at home.

A household exposure that is up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccination and symptom free may email UCHD to verify vaccination status; UCHD will notify the school of the release from quarantine.

The process of reporting cases has been modified to facilitate more self-reporting by parents/guardians and is detailed below:

Diagram 2. Self-Reported Case (at home test without telehealth) Contacts the School.



Per the revisions in the IDCM, cases are required to isolate for five days. Beginning on day six, a case may return to normal activities including school providing they have a significant symptom improvement, have been fever free for 24 hours without medication, and are able to mask while at school. If a case cannot mask, then they must remain at home in isolation for a full ten days.

Under the current guidance, students with a documented health or developmental concern pertaining to mask wearing may be able to remain in school under limited conditions. Each case will be evaluated separately.

<sup>i</sup> Close contact is defined as: someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes total/cumulative time) starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic clients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

<sup>ii</sup> Eligibility to participate in mask to stay/test to play is contingent on the exposure being in the school setting or school-related activities. This does not apply to household exposures or exposures outside of the school setting or school-related activities.