

Regional School District 10

Screen and Stay considerations for unvaccinated or partially vaccinated student(s) and staff close contact(s)

School districts choosing to operationalize a **Screen and Stay** strategy in their schools can allow students or staff who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated (i.e., individuals who have begun their COVID-19 vaccination series but are not yet 2 weeks beyond their final dose) and would otherwise have to quarantine due to a close contact with a known COVID-19 case to continue reporting to school for in-person learning or work provided the only contact with any COVID-19 case was either:

- **Inside the school building** during the regular school day (provided both the case and contact were **consistently and correctly masked** during the entirety of the exposure) regardless of duration or distancing, or
- **on a school bus** or other school provided transportation (provided the case and contact were consistently and correctly masked during the entirety of the exposure) regardless of duration or distancing, or
- **outdoors** during a regular mask break, staff-monitored recess, meal period, or Physical Education or other instructional period (with or without masks) regardless of duration or distancing.

Situations that do not support Screen and Stay

Examples of scenarios where students or staff who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated should not participate in Screen and Stay, and instead should refrain from in-person learning and follow the routine quarantine and isolation procedures: outlined in [Addendum 5](#), include:

- having a close contact **outside of school** (e.g., at a party or sleepover, a household contact, etc.)
- in a situation indoors **where masks were removed and 6 feet of spacing was not maintained** (e.g., in the cafeteria, in the classroom during a snack period, mask break, etc.)
- during **extracurricular or other activities** outside the regular school day (e.g., sports, before or after school care, etc.)

Screen and Stay requirements for continuing in-person learning or work

Districts opting for Screen and Stay to continue allowing in-person learning or work for unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students or staff in lieu of quarantine should require staff or parents/guardians of students covered under the protocol open form a daily symptom assessment of the individual in the Screen and Stay protocol for 14 calendar days after their last exposure to a case, regardless of any existing district policy allowing students or staff to return to in-person learning or work from normal quarantine at home after a shorter duration of time (e.g., 10 days). In all cases, CDC directs quarantined individuals to continue to monitor for symptoms for a full 14 calendar days after their last known contact with a COVID-19 case, even if early release from quarantine (e.g., 10 days) is allowed in certain situations.

Although allowed to continue in-person learning activities, unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students and staff in the Screen and Stay protocol should follow normal quarantine procedures related to interscholastic or other athletic activities, other extracurricular activities, and any other activities that involve the potential for close contact with individuals outside of the household and that occur outside of the normal school day. Students participating in the Screen and Stay protocol should also refrain from (and be provided with alternatives to) in-school activities with other students that may actively generate increased amounts of aerosol-sized respiratory droplets, including but not limited to singing, wind instrument playing, giving speeches, or highly aerobic Physical Education activities for the 14 calendar days that they are in the Screen and Stay protocol.