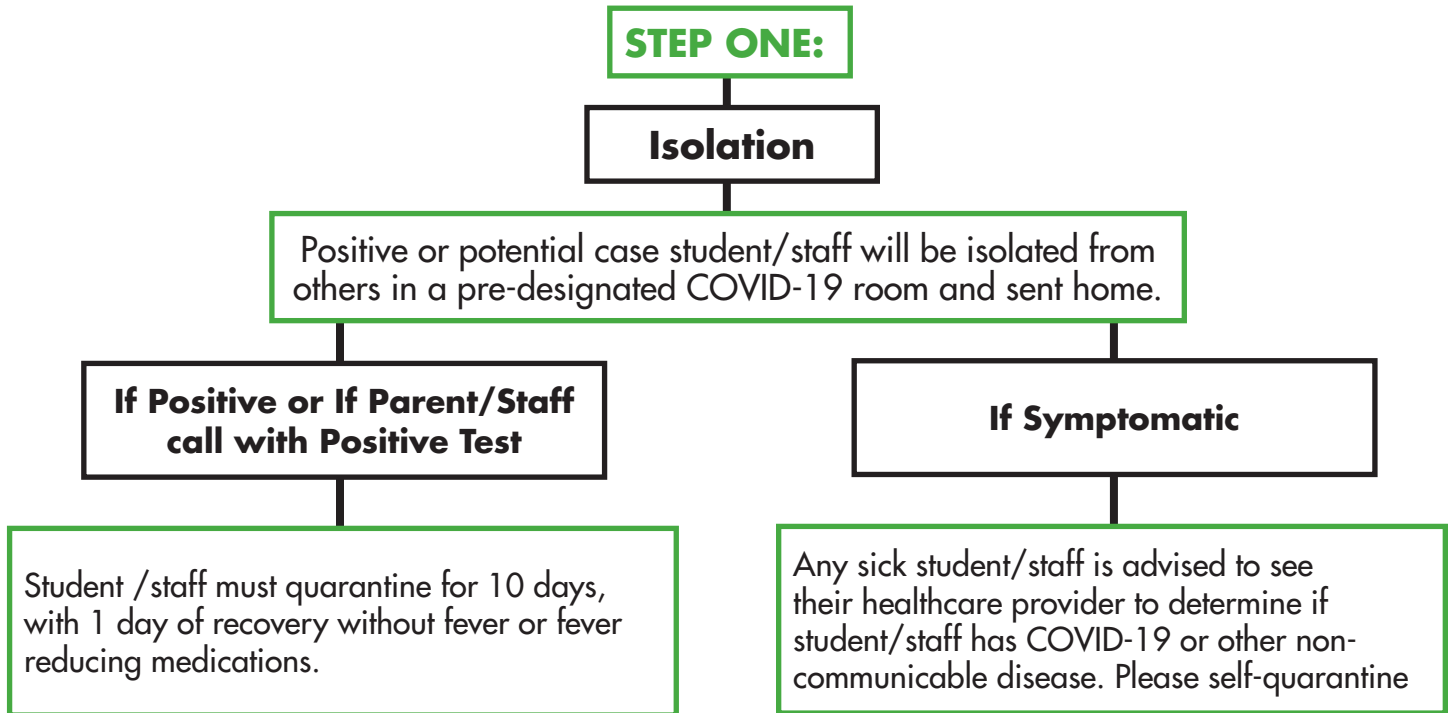


# Scenario - Student or Staff Member is Positive or ill with COVID like symptoms

Reminder: Close Contact is defined as those students/staff that have been within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes. (6/15 rule)

In order to help determine the "6 feet 15 minute" scenario, an assigned seating chart for the bus and a seating chart for the classroom will assist school nurses in determining close contacts.

**SCHOOL ROLE:** Per our notifiable disease rule, the Healthcare Provider, school nurse, or principal should immediately report COVID-19 positive or potential cases to public health using our online ADPH Report Card. <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/healthcare.html>



## **STEP TWO: Identify Close Contacts to symptomatic staff or student**

- The School Nurse will help determine who are close contacts to the positive or ill student or staff with the major COVID-19 symptom of new loss of sense of taste or smell. These close contacts will be sent home (6/15 rule, masked or un-masked).
- School nurse will communicate that a representative from the Alabama Department of Public Health may be contacting them.
- Aggressively clean and disinfect per CDC guidance (see cleaning and disinfecting guidance).

### **STEP THREE: Report to ADPH**

- The school nurse shall report the positive and contacts of positive cases using the ADPH on-line COVID-19 Report Card.  
<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/healthcare.html>
- Ill students with the major COVID-19 symptoms of a new loss of sense of taste or smell should also be reported in the ADPH online COVID-19 report card. The close contacts should also be uploaded.
- Information needed in the ADPH on-line COVID-19 Report Card includes the list of students in the classroom, Teacher/staff names, guardians for the students and telephone numbers.

### **STEP FOUR: School Communication with Parents/Guardians and School Staff**

- The school will use their existing school process to notify parents/guardians that an exposure has occurred. Confidentiality and privacy must be maintained.

### **STEP FIVE: CLEANING and DISINFECTING CLASSROOM – See Pages - 36-47**

### **ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S ROLE**

Public Health Staff will investigate and conduct contact tracing. Recommendations will be provided per the Alabama Department of Public Health and CDC guidelines.

### **ADPH Case Investigation**

Public Health Staff work with a patient to help them recall anyone with whom they have had close contact during the time when they have been infectious.

### **ADPH Contact Tracing**

Public Health Staff begin contact tracing by notifying exposed individuals (contacts) of their potential exposure as sensitively as possible, not revealing the infected patient's identity, and direct the 14 day quarantine from exposure.  
(see CDC time frames on page **19**)