

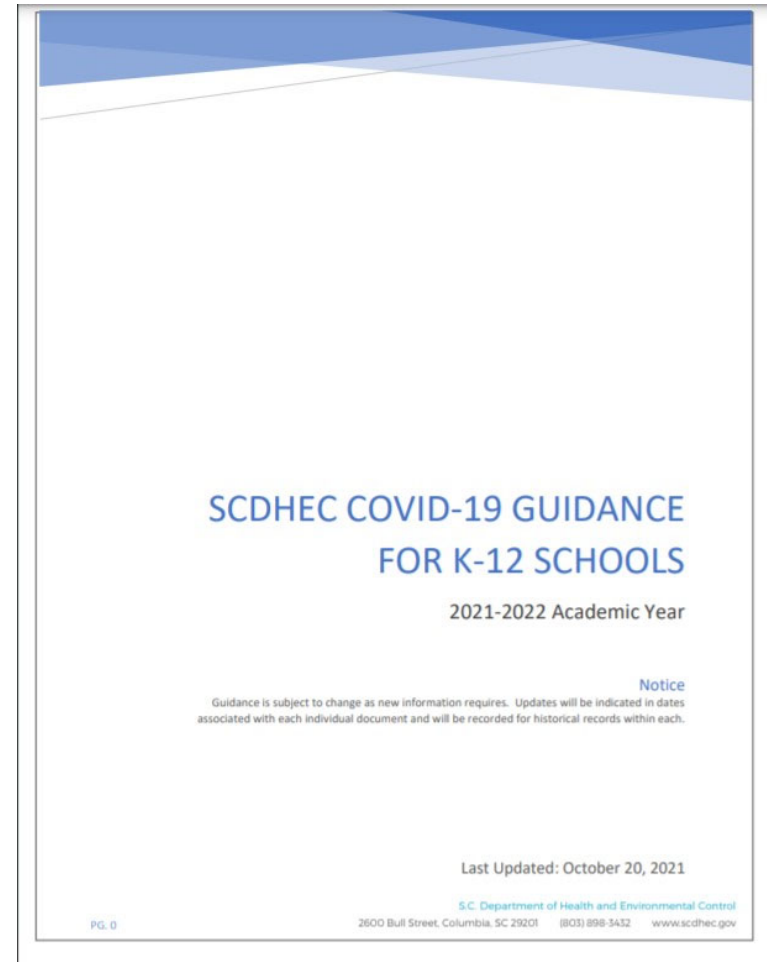
# **Horry County Board of Education Meeting**

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October 25, 2021

**The South Carolina  
Department of Health  
and Environmental  
Control provides public  
health guidance to South  
Carolina K-12 public  
schools.**

<https://scdhec.gov/covid19/resources-community-covid-19/schools-childcare-centers-covid-19>



# SCDHEC COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR K-12 SCHOOLS

**2021-2022 Academic Year - *UPDATED: October 12, 2021***



**Close contact:** Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes) from 48 hours prior to symptom onset (or specimen collection for an asymptomatic infected person) of the infected person.

- The close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if the exposed student(s) wore mask(s) during the exposure time. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.
- Close physical contact can include contact with the mucous membranes of a COVID infected person through such things as, kissing, sharing eating/drinking utensils, etc., regardless of the time frame.

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Close Contact (asymptomatic)	Person who is fully vaccinated and <u>does not</u> have any symptoms after a close contact with someone with COVID-19.	<p>Person does not need to quarantine if they voluntarily choose to provide documentation of their full vaccination status to eliminate the need for quarantine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recommended to get tested <b>5-7 days</b> after exposure.</li><li>• It is important for them to wear a mask at school until 14 days after exposure or until they receive a negative test result.</li><li>• <i>Testing of vaccinated close contacts living in a household with someone in isolation that cannot be separated should occur <b>5-7 days</b> after the initial exposure, and again <b>5-7 days</b> after the end of isolation for the person diagnosed with COVID-19. They should continue wearing a mask in public indoor settings until they obtain the results of their final test.</i></li></ul>
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### **Household contact**

- If the child or staff member lives in the same household as a known case, their quarantine period begins on the date their household member has been cleared from their isolation period. If they are not a caretaker of the household member who is sick and can separate themselves into their own space in the home, their quarantine period begins the day that they had their last close contact with the ill person.
- *Testing of vaccinated close contacts living in a household with someone in isolation that cannot be separated should occur 5-7 days after the initial exposure, and again 5-7 days after the end of isolation for the person diagnosed with COVID-19. They should continue wearing a mask in public indoor settings until they obtain the results of their final test.*



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### **Staff working while in quarantine**

- To limit the chances of COVID-19 spread in the facility, staff should plan to quarantine at home and not return to work after close contact to someone contagious with COVID-19.
- Fully vaccinated staff who were in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 but do **not** have COVID-19 symptoms do not need to quarantine unless they develop symptoms.
  - Individuals may voluntarily choose to provide documentation of their full vaccination status to eliminate the need for quarantine.
  - Fully vaccinated people are recommended to get tested **5-7 days** after exposure, even if they do not have symptoms. If fully vaccinated people test negative, they may not need to wear a mask.
  - These individuals should also continue to monitor for symptoms daily and throughout the day, practice physical distancing to the extent possible, practice good hand hygiene, and clean frequently touched

## SC COVID-19 Liability Safe Harbor Act

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a covered entity or covered individual that reasonably adheres to public health guidance applicable at the time the conduct giving rise to a coronavirus claim occurs shall be entitled to immunity from liability for any acts or omissions resulting in a coronavirus claim. This immunity will not apply:

- (1) for claims arising pursuant to SECTION 3(1)(b), if a claimant proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the covered entity or covered individual caused the injury or damage by:
  - (a) grossly negligent, reckless, willful, or intentional misconduct; or
  - (b) a failure to make any attempt to adhere to public health guidance; or
- (2) for all other claims, if the claimant proves by clear and convincing evidence that the covered entity or covered individual caused the injury or damage by:
  - (a) grossly negligent, reckless, willful, or intentional misconduct; or
  - (b) a failure to make any attempt to adhere to public health guidance.

[https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess124\\_2021-2022/bills/147.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess124_2021-2022/bills/147.htm)