

Protocol Definitions specific to Marblehead Public Schools:

Close Contacts: Are defined as individuals who have been within 6 ft. of a COVID-19 positive individual while indoors, for at least 15 mins. during a 24 hour period. Please note at risk exposure time begins 48 hours prior to symptom onset (or time of positive test if asymptomatic) and continues until the time the COVID-19 positive individual is isolated.

Close Contact Exemptions: Certain close contacts are exempt from testing or quarantine response protocols (as long as they remain asymptomatic).

- Asymptomatic, fully vaccinated close contacts.
- Classroom close contacts: Individuals who are exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual in the classroom while both individuals were masked, so long as the individuals were spaced at least 3 ft apart.
- Bus close contacts: Individuals on buses must be masked according to federal requirements. As such, individuals who are masked on buses when windows are open are exempt.
- Close contacts who have had COVID-19 within the past 90 days.
Note: Exposure must occur within 90 days of the COVID-19 symptom onset, individual must be fully recovered and symptom free.

- **All protocols subject to change as COVID-19 guidance changes
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