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Statutes Affected: IC 16-41-2

The specific control measures for COVID-19 (infectious agent: SARS-CoV-2 virus) are as follows:

(1) Every laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19 shall be reported to the local health officer and Indiana Department of Health within twenty-four (24) hours.

(2) For confirmed cases of COVID-19, an investigation should be performed to ascertain the following:

- A. Immunization history.
- B. COVID-19 disease history.
- C. A history of underlying chronic or immunosuppressive disease.
- D. Disease severity and hospitalization.
- E. Characteristics of symptoms, reported as the following:
 - i. Fever or chills
 - ii. Cough
 - iii. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - iv. Fatigue
 - v. Muscle or body aches
 - vi. Headache
 - vii. New loss of taste or smell
 - viii. Sore throat
 - ix. Congestion or runny nose
 - x. Nausea or vomiting
 - xi. Diarrhea
- F. Name and contact information for employer, school/daycare attended, or any congregate living setting, such as a long-term care facility, jail, correctional facility, or group-living facility.
- G. Identification of any known case of COVID-19 with an epidemiologic link.
- H. Identification and listing of close contacts. A close contact is defined as any individual within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory confirmed or probable case) for a total of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period.

(3) For any confirmed case of COVID-19 in a congregate setting, including schools, preschools, daycare settings, long-term care facilities, jails, correctional facilities, and group-living facilities, an investigation shall be performed to ascertain the following:

- A. Immunization history.
- B. COVID-19 disease history.
- C. Disease severity and hospitalization. (only for group living and long term care facilities)
- D. Name and contact information for school, preschool, or daycare attended, or any congregate living setting, such as a long-term care facility, jail, correctional facility, or group-living facility.
- E. Identification of any known case of COVID-19 with an epidemiologic link.
- F. Identification and listing of close contacts within the congregate setting. A close contact is defined as any individual within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory confirmed or probable case) for a total of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period.
 - i. Exception to the close contact definition: In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, where the classroom does not meet the standards in (6) below, the definition excludes students who were 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks. This exclusion does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the classroom.

(4) Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 shall isolate, including exclusion from school, preschools, daycare settings, employment, and public places, for at least 5 days following the onset of symptoms or, if asymptomatic, at least 5 days from the date of collection of the positive test. Following the 5-day isolation period, the individual must wear a mask when around others for an additional 5 days. Before discontinuing isolation, an individual must be at least 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medications and having symptoms improve.

(5) Except as provided below, asymptomatic individuals who are identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case shall quarantine, including exclusion from preschools, daycare settings, employment and public places, for 5 days from the date of last exposure and should wear a mask when around others for an additional 5 days.

Asymptomatic individuals identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case who are fully vaccinated (including a booster if eligible) or who have completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last six months or the primary series of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine within the last two months are not required to quarantine but should wear a mask when around others for 10 days from the date of exposure.

All individuals identified as close contacts should continue to monitor for symptoms and test 5 days after exposure, if possible. If symptoms develop, the individual should isolate and test. If positive, follow isolation guidance.

(6) For K-12 schools that have and consistently enforce a face covering requirement for children, students, teachers, staff and others present, the following quarantine protocols apply:



A. When an asymptomatic close contact is exposed **inside** the classroom, quarantine is not required, regardless of vaccination status, and the individual may continue to attend school, including extracurricular activities, as long as masking continues. (An exception to continuous masking is allowed only during strenuous physical activity or active performance in extracurricular activity.)

B. When an asymptomatic close contact is exposed **outside** the classroom:

1. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals shall quarantine at home for 5 days and not participate in extracurricular activities. If asymptomatic, the individual may return on day 6 as long as masking continues.
2. Fully vaccinated (with a booster dose, if eligible) individuals may continue to attend school, including extracurricular activities, as long as masking continues. (An exception to continuous masking allowed only during strenuous physical activity or active performance in extracurricular activity).

Close contacts, regardless of vaccination status or where the exposure occurred, should test on day 5 after exposure, if possible, and should monitor daily for symptoms of COVID-19. Any symptoms of COVID-19 must prompt immediate removal of the symptomatic individual from the school environment. The individual should seek testing and isolate. If positive, follow isolation guidance. If negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.

(7) For K-12 schools that do not have a face covering requirement for children, students, teachers, staff and others present, the following quarantine protocols apply when an asymptomatic close contact is identified:

- A. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals shall quarantine at home for 5 days and not participate in extracurricular activities. If asymptomatic, the individual may return on day 6 and wear a mask for days 6-10.
- B. Fully vaccinated (with a booster dose, if eligible) individuals may continue to attend school, including extracurricular activities, as long as the individual wears a mask for 10 days. (An exception to continuous masking allowed only during strenuous physical activity or active performance in extracurricular activity).

Close contacts, regardless of vaccination status or where the exposure occurred, should test on day 5 after exposure, if possible, and should monitor daily for symptoms of COVID-19. Any symptoms of COVID-19 must prompt immediate removal of the symptomatic individual from the school environment. The individual should seek testing and isolate. If positive, follow isolation guidance. If negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.

(8) Outbreak control measures. An outbreak of COVID-19 in a non-residential, non-healthcare setting is defined as two (2) or more laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases that are epidemiologically linked, with onset of illness within a fourteen (14) day period. The cases may be linked by affiliation or attendance at the same school, facility, or workplace. To reach the outbreak threshold, the cases must reside in at least two (2) different households.

(9) Vaccination and disease history for COVID-19 shall be obtained for both cases and close contacts in outbreak investigations.



(10) For outbreak control in public or private schools, daycare settings, preschools, or postsecondary facilities, on the same day that a report of a confirmed COVID-19 case is received, school personnel shall do the following:

- A. Conduct an inquiry into absenteeism to determine the existence of any other cases of the illness.
- B. Immediately report the confirmed case or cases to the local health department and the department.
- C. Send a notice home with each student, attendee, or employee who is required to isolate or quarantine that the student, attendee, or employee shall be excluded from the date of the letter until the appropriate isolation or quarantine period has ended. Students, attendees, or employees who are fully vaccinated or have recovered from a COVID-19 infection within the past 90 days, and are asymptomatic, are not required to quarantine.
- D. Send a notice home to each student, attendee, or employee who has been identified as a close contact but allowed to continue to be in school based on (6) above to instruct on daily monitoring and reporting of symptoms should they occur.

(11) For outbreak control in health care settings, all health care workers and employees who have been exposed to COVID-19 should be excluded from the facility, unless fully vaccinated, recovered from a COVID-19 infection within the past 90 days, until the appropriate quarantine or isolation period has ended, or unless otherwise directed by state or federal guidance.

(12) For outbreak control in congregate living settings, such as long-term care facilities, jails, correctional facilities, or group-living facilities, all workers and employees who have been exposed to COVID-19 should be excluded from the facility, unless fully vaccinated, recovered from a COVID-19 infection within the past 90 days, until the appropriate quarantine or isolation period has ended, or unless otherwise directed by state or federal guidance.

(13) COVID-19 vaccine should be offered to all healthy, eligible individuals without medical contraindications. Providers must obtain consent from a parent or guardian for any individual under age 18 who is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

(14) Individuals with suspected "break-through" disease should be investigated and managed as a confirmed COVID-19 case.

(15) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists set the standard clinical and laboratory case definition.

<https://ndc.services.cdc.gov/conditions/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/>.

