

New Jersey Department of Health Updates – December 16, 2021

Reduced Quarantine for Close Contacts: While a 14-day quarantine period is optimal, NJDOH considers the CDC options to shorten quarantine to be acceptable alternatives in the school setting.

During all levels of community transmission (no matter what the CALI score is) and during outbreaks, excluded individuals who are close contacts of staff or students who tested positive for COVID-19 and who are asymptomatic may use a reduced exclusion period of 10 days (or 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days) but continue to monitor for symptoms for 14 days after exposure.

Covid Isolation and Quarantine Calculator – to determine the return to school dates after quarantine or isolation, use the link for the Calculator. <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/quarantine-calculator>.