

COVID-19 Contact Tracing in Schools

The timing of each step may vary. This can be due to differences in the time it takes someone to develop symptoms after exposure, when someone gets tested, the number of cases being managed by public health, and the information available to public health through contact tracing.



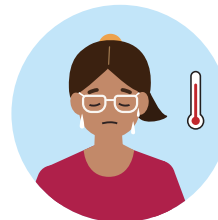
Day 0

Nancy unknowingly exposed to COVID-19 outside of school.



Day 3

Nancy feels fine and has no symptoms. She attends school but may be able to spread COVID-19 to others.



Day 5

Nancy develops symptoms and stays home.



Day 6

Nancy takes a symptom self-assessment and gets a COVID-19 test.

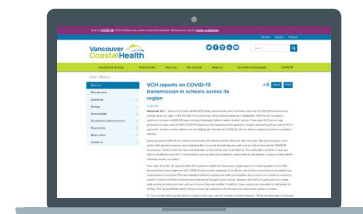


Days 7+

Health authority is notified of Nancy's positive test result and contacts her.

Health authority interviews Nancy. They discover Nancy may have been able to spread COVID-19 at school.

Health authority contact traces to find out who Nancy's close contacts are at school.



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Health authority notifies Nancy's close contacts by phone or letter. Close contacts will need to self-monitor for symptoms. Those who are not fully immunized may also need to self-isolate.

Notifications will be posted on the health authority website when there is an increased risk to a class or school. Additional school community notifications may also be sent.