

Return to Play Following Exposure to a Suspected or Diagnosed Case of COVID-19

These recommendations are intended to guide decision-making regarding players or staff following exposure to a suspected or diagnosed case of COVID-19 infection in order to reduce the risk of disease transmission. For more information, visit the [Virginia Department of Health website](#).

Any **asymptomatic and [FULLY/UP TO DATE vaccinated](#)** player or staff member (12 and older and have had all vaccine doses including one booster 5 months after 2nd primary shot OR 5-11 years old who have completed the primary series of vaccines) who has been exposed to an individual with a suspected or diagnosed case of COVID-19 should plan to watch for any symptoms, wear a mask around others, and get tested 5 days after their exposure. They may continue with their normal activities while wearing a mask unless they test positive. If the test is positive, they should isolate and follow the [RTP Following Case of COVID-19](#).

Any **asymptomatic player or staff member who is NOT fully vaccinated** and has been exposed to an individual with a suspected or diagnosed case of COVID-19 should plan to quarantine and not participate for 10 days (the date of last exposure is day 0 of 10), monitor for any symptoms consistent with infection, and get tested with a PCR or antigen test 5 days **after** the exposure. If on Day 6 you do not have symptoms and test negative, you can leave quarantine but must wear a mask around others and in public. You should still **monitor your symptoms for a full 14 days and is safest to quarantine for 10 days**.

Any **symptomatic** player or staff member (vaccinated or not) should get tested with a PCR or antigen test immediately. If the test is positive, they should isolate and follow the [RTP Following Case of COVID-19](#). If asymptomatic after 10 days since last exposure, they can return to participation.

In general, you need to be in close contact with an individual to contract the disease. In this case, exposure means any one of the following:

- Caring for a sick person with COVID-19.
- Living in the same household as an individual with COVID-19.
- Being within 6 feet of an individual with a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- Coming in direct contact with secretions from an individual with a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection (being coughed or sneezed on, sharing water bottle or utensils, for example).