

Update to SCS Reopening Plan adopted 12/10/2020

[Previous Language]: “In order to return to school, a student or staff member who was in close contact to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19, but they are not sick, may return to school **14 days** after the last day they were in close contact with the person sick with COVID-19.”

[New Language]: “In order to return to school, a student or staff member who was in close contact to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19, but they are not sick, may return to school upon either of the following: (1) **10 days** after the last day they were in close contact with the person sick with COVID-19; or (2) **7 days** after the last day they were in close contact with the person sick with COVID-19 if they also receive a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours before ending quarantine.”

As you can see, this reduces the amount of time that a “close contact” who is not sick has to quarantine. The time is reduced from 14 days to 10 days, and further reduced to 7 days if the “close contact” receives a negative COVID test during Day 5 or 6 of their quarantine. These reductions to the amount of time for a quarantine have been recently okayed by the CDC (Dec. 2nd) and the Yakima Health District (Dec. 3rd).