

## QUARANTINE PROTOCOL FAQ

### What is the difference between a positive or presumptive COVID-19 case? What constitutes close contact?

- Positive (Confirmed) COVID-19 Case: Report of a person with COVID-19 and meeting confirmatory laboratory evidence (a test done at a lab or school—not home).
- Presumptive COVID-19 Case: The individual has at least two of the following COVID-19 symptoms: shortness of breath, cough, fever, new loss of smell or taste; has not had a positive COVID-19 viral test; AND had close contact with a confirmed case in the past 14 days (but hasn't been tested, or only done a home test).
- Close Contact: Someone who was within 6 feet (3 feet if wearing a mask) of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

### What happens if a student is diagnosed with a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19?

The student will have to isolate at home for 10 days and is encouraged to seek medical care.

### Will students need to quarantine if a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19 is reported in school?

If a student comes in contact with another student with a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19 in a *classroom setting*, the student **does not need to quarantine** if they maintained at least 3 feet of distance and were wearing a mask at the time of exposure.

If a student comes in contact with another student with a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19 *outside of a classroom setting*, the student **does not need to quarantine** if they maintained at least 6 feet of distance and were wearing a mask at the time of exposure.

If a student comes in contact with an *adult* with a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19, the student **does not need to quarantine** if they had maintained at least 6 feet of distance and were wearing a mask at the time of exposure.

If a student comes in contact with another student or an adult with a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19, the student **does not need to quarantine if they're fully vaccinated** and at least 14 days beyond completion of the vaccine series at the time of the exposure.

Even so, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend fully vaccinated people who have had a known exposure to someone with a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19 should be tested 3 to 5 days after exposure, regardless of whether they've had symptoms.

School personnel in cooperation with the Lane County Public Health Department will do contact tracing and communicate with affected students and families in a timely manner.

**\*\*IMPORTANT: If during quarantine someone becomes a known positive, please notify the school so we can update the quarantine timeline (which may now be shorter).**

**Will students need to quarantine if a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19 is reported on the bus?**

A school administrator and/or secretary will review the bus route to determine if the student who is positive or presumptive for COVID-19 rides a bus to/from school for more than 15 minutes. If the rider does, the administrator will request a bus video from Transportation of the route. If riders were unable to maintain 6 feet of social distance, any unvaccinated students on the bus will need to quarantine. Students who are vaccinated and are not showing COVID-19 symptoms will not have to quarantine.

**If a student is quarantined because of a positive or presumptive COVID-19 exposure on the bus, will that student's class also have to quarantine?**

Only the bus-riding student (unvaccinated, or vaccinated and showing symptoms) would need to quarantine; that's considered to be a primary exposure. The bus-riding student's class would not have to quarantine.

However, in the case of the student who actually is positive or presumptive for COVID-19, that student's classmates would be evaluated to determine close contact (see above) and may be subject to quarantine.

**How will parents be notified if a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19 is reported at school or on the bus?**

District and school staff, in coordination with the Lane County Public Health Department will identify any close contacts. The principal will then follow the District notification processes regarding close contacts, which includes a phone call from a staff member, notifying them of the need to quarantine and to be tested for COVID-19. (The COVID-positive student or staff member will not be identified.)

The same procedure will be followed for positive or presumptive cases involving a bus rider. Parents of close contacts will receive a phone call.

**Will the entire school or class be notified if there is a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19 reported?**

No, only those students and staff identified as close contacts to the positive or presumptive case will be notified.

**If a teacher tests positive for COVID-19, do all of the teacher's students have to quarantine?**

If a school cannot confirm that 6 feet of distancing was consistently maintained during the school day, any unvaccinated students and vaccinated students showing COVID-19 symptoms will have to quarantine.

**If a student's parent/guardian, sibling or immediate family member tests positive for COVID-19 and that student quarantines, will other students who've been around that student need to quarantine?**

No. Only unvaccinated students who are in close contact with a positive or presumptive positive case need to quarantine.

**If a student is quarantined because of a positive or presumptive COVID-19 exposure, can the student get a COVID-19 test, test negative and return to school before the 14-day quarantine ends?**

No. A student cannot test out of quarantine. If a student is quarantined, that student will need to stay home for the full 14 days.

**When can students who tested positive for COVID-19 return to school?**

Students can return after 10 days of isolation if their symptoms are improving and they are fever-free for 24 hours.

**Will students in quarantine have access to free meals?**

When a family is informed that their student needs to quarantine, the school staff will discuss a plan to offer free meals, if needed. The school's front office staff will coordinate with the school's kitchen staff to have meals available for pickup at a particular time; no sign-up is required. The meals will be packaged for multiple days, depending on the student's needs. A parent/guardian can designate another person to pick up the meals, if necessary.

**How will students continue to learn in quarantine?**

The health and safety of our students is our number one priority. Students should be monitored for symptoms of COVID-19 while they are in quarantine. Students will have the opportunity to do schoolwork from home if they feel well enough. For the most part, this will be in the form of packets and school work being available to be picked up, or mailed home.

Students will be able to be marked present for attendance purposes for each day that they complete at home learning tasks, and have a two-way communication with an educator at the school (e.g. email, phone, Zoom call, etc.).

The specific details of this will vary greatly depending on grade level and subjects. Please contact your building principal for more information and support.