



DEPAUL PREP

DePaul Prep Parent Forum

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020

Meeting Notes from Mary Dempsey and Dr. Megan Stanton-Anderson

Updates on Positive Cases in Our Community

- As of Thursday, October 1, eight positive cases reported over a five week span of time; three that are currently active
- No linkages across cases
- In at least three of the cases, transmission occurred between family members
- No cases have been traced back to transmission at DePaul Prep
- Every case is reported to Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- Every case is contact traced by DePaul Prep Nurse and Administrators in consultation with the CDPH

What we are asking of parents at this time:

- If your child shows ANY symptoms of illness, DO the following:
 - Keep your child home
 - Phone or email our Attendance Office to report an absence
 - Have your child go on to Schoology to check for assignments and notes
- **If your child has been exposed to COVID 19 or tests positive for COVID 19, DO the following:**
 - Keep your child home and report their absence to our Attendance Office
 - Call our Nurse to discuss your child's exposure to understand whether there is a need for quarantining
 - Quarantine your child for the proper amount of time
 - Exposure or close contact - 14 Days
 - Tested positive for COVID 19 - 10 Days
 - **Please note:** Even if you receive a negative test on Day 6 of your quarantine your child must **STILL** remain quarantined for the entire 14 days. Symptoms can arise all the way until Day 14!
 - Quarantine time for a positive test (10 days) is **LESS THAN** exposure (14 days) because of the time needed to see if symptoms develop in your child.

- **How does contact tracing work at Depaul Prep when a positive test is reported?**

- A list of potential close contacts is generated from class seating charts and from the infected individuals recall of who they were in close contact with

IMPORTANT:

- Close contact is within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes
 - Students may think they are “covering” for a friend if they do not share who they are with - rather this intensifies the ripple effect of one positive case.
 - It is critical to contact trace who an infected individual was with up to 48 hours BEFORE the onset of symptoms.
- Classroom visits are made to determine distances between students
 - Athletic team practices are analyzed for distancing and time in close proximity
 - Communication Process:
 - **Parents** of student are alerted by the nurse of the need to quarantine
 - **Teachers** of student are alerted that the student will move to remote learning
 - **Parent and student** are contacted by Mr. Niemiec, their counselor and Ms. Duran, our social work intern, and Ms. Eaton to see if there are any tech issues

- **What does it mean to be *quarantined*?**

- A quarantined individual must stay home and not go out into the community
 - Stay home from school
 - Stay home from athletic team practices
 - Refrain from seeing friends and extended family
 - Refrain from going out to stores, restaurants, etc.
- Students who must quarantine are permitted to engage in remote learning

- **When can my student engage in remote learning?**

- Each grade level engages in remote learning on their specified days
 - Students should be IN THEIR OWN HOME for this or with their parent in another location but not at a friend's house
- Students who have gone through an approval process with an Administrator and your students counselor can engage in remote learning
- Student who have a defined period of time off campus can be approved for remote learning

- **When can my student NOT engage in remote learning?**

- When the absence is unplanned and temporary

- Your student is out sick for a day or two
 - You are traveling for a day
 - You have a family emergency
- When your request for remote learning has not been received and approved by DePaul Prep Administrators or a counselor

- **Why can't my student join remote learning the day of an absence?**
 - Teachers need time to prepare for when they will have students in remote learning
 - Lesson plans must be adjusted
 - Equipment must be set up
 - Students should NOT email their teachers directly to announce they will be in remote learning for the day or week

- **When my student is in remote learning, what should I do as their parent?**
 - Make sure they are AT HOME. Students should not visit each others homes during online learning days
 - Be in contact with Mr. Niemiec, our assistant principal who is managing our remote learners

- **What else does DePaul Prep ask of me as a parent during COVID 19?**
 - Help your student to consistently wear a mask in public, even with friends
 - Help your student to refrain socializing with large groups of others
 - Read our communications and follow our protocols for reporting an absence, a positive COVID 19 case or exposure
 - Assume positive intentions about all that DePaul Prep is trying to do to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our students and our faculty and staff