

## **My Student Has Been Exposed to COVID-19**

### **My student has been exposed to COVID-19. What should I do first?**

If the school is not already aware, please contact your Division Assistant. You will need to let the division assistant know what day your student was last with the person who tested positive, and if your student is currently having any symptoms.

### **When can my student return to campus?**

The health department makes decisions regarding when students are eligible to come to campus following an exposure. Here are some basic guidelines:

#### **Students who have been fully vaccinated**

Students who have been fully vaccinated and have provided the school with a copy of the vaccination card are allowed to come to campus if:

- They have no symptoms AND
- The health department has not instructed them that they need to quarantine.

If the vaccinated student develops symptoms at any time during the 14 days following the last exposure, they must be evaluated for COVID-19 before returning to campus.

#### **Students who are not fully vaccinated**

Students who have not been fully vaccinated will be required to quarantine. While a typical quarantine lasts 14 days, the health department may determine in some cases that a student can be released from quarantine earlier. Length of quarantine is determined by the health department.

#### **Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days**

Students who have provided documentation of a positive COVID-19 test taken in the past 90 days are allowed to come to campus (following their original isolation period) if they have no symptoms. If the student develops symptoms at any time during the 14 days following the last exposure, they must be evaluated for COVID-19 before returning to campus.

### **How will the health department know about the exposure?**

If the exposure is related to a positive case at school, the school will report the exposure to the health department as part of our contact tracing procedures. The health department will then contact you to begin quarantine assessments.

If the exposure is related to a positive case outside of school, you will need to report the exposure to the health department to begin the quarantine assessments. You can submit the information at <https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=9P9EJWW7ME>.

The Kane County Health Department can be reached at [school@co.kane.il.us](mailto:school@co.kane.il.us) or by phone at 630-208-3801 if you have any questions or have not had a response to a reported exposure.

### **Does the school need any documentation before my student returns after quarantine?**

The health department no longer requires a release letter once a 14 day quarantine has been completed. However, if the health department allows a shortened quarantine, we will need documentation of the approved shortened quarantine from the health department.

### **Are my other students allowed to be on campus during this time?**

Siblings and other household members are allowed on campus if:

- They were not also exposed to the person with COVID-19 AND
- No one in your home develops symptoms.

If anyone in the home develops symptoms at any time, please contact the school so that we may determine who is meets the current criteria to return to campus.

**What if my student or someone else in my home does develop symptoms during the time they are off campus?**

Please contact your Division Assistant and let her know when the student or household member developed symptoms. She will be able to provide you with information on next steps for returning to school. We then ask that you contact your physician for further guidance.

**Who should I contact if I have further questions?**

The best contact to start with is your Division Assistant. They will be able to direct your question to the right person if they cannot answer it.

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