



TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EQUITY CHARACTER EXCELLENCE TEAM JOY

Dear parents and families,

When we initially developed our COVID-19 safety plans in consultation with the Tulsa Health Department, we put additional protocols in place out of an abundance of caution. Although the guidance from local health professionals does not require that we do so, our practice has been to treat individuals in close contact to a positive case in their household as a presumed positive.

Over the last week, we have been staying in close touch with our school teams to understand how protocols are working at the school level. Based on the feedback we have heard from our school teams and families, we have sought additional input and advice from the Tulsa Health Department and their epidemiologist team.

Moving forward, we will no longer treat an individual in close contact to a positive person in their household as a presumed positive. This means that close contact with that individual will **not** be treated as a presumed positive. However, if the individual in close contact to a positive case in their household develops COVID-19 like symptoms or tests positive, we would then follow our contact tracing protocols to identify and contact anyone who needs to quarantine. Depending on the results of contact tracing from a confirmed case, we may shift an entire classroom to distance learning.

It is important to know that every COVID-19 case - either potential or confirmed - is different. We will always make our decisions based on keeping our community safe, so there may be times when a possible close contact to a positive or presumed positive causes a classroom-wide shift.

Our priority continues to be on keeping our team and students safe while minimizing disruptions to in-person learning. If your child develops COVID-19-like symptoms or has close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, you must keep your child home from in-person classes.

What might happen if a student A has a household member who tested positive or has COVID-19 like symptoms? ?

- Student A begins to quarantine for 14 days.
- If Student A develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 while in quarantine, Student A will begin a 10 day isolation starting on the day after symptoms began.
 - Day 0: date that symptoms begin
 - Day 1: isolation period (begins the day after symptoms begin)
 - Days 2-10: isolation period
 - Day 11: return to school (the day after the isolation period ends)
- The contact tracing protocol is followed to determine who might have been exposed through close contact with the student during the infectious period (48 hours prior to symptom onset or positive test).
- Anyone who was determined to be exposed to Student A is contacted and asked to quarantine for 14 days.

Our priority continues to be on keeping our team and students safe while minimizing disruptions to in-person learning. If students develop COVID-19-like symptoms or have close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, parents must notify their school immediately and keep their children home from in-person classes.

Please [visit our website](#) for more information about our response to COVID-19.

Best,

Chief Operations Officer Jorge Robles