

Here are some frequently asked questions about quarantine. We want to ensure all schools are on the same page when sharing information with our parents.

**QUESTION:** If a student is exposed to someone with whom they live, can they return to school if they get tested and receive a negative result 7 days after exposure?

**ANSWER:** No. Staff and students that live with someone who has tested positive must be quarantined for 14 days from the date the individual(s) with whom they live stop exhibiting symptoms. They may not return before the end of the 14 day quarantine.

**QUESTION:** If a student is exposed to someone with whom they live, can they return to school 14 days after exposure?

**ANSWER:** No. Staff and students that live with someone who has tested positive must be quarantined for 14 days **from the date the individual(s) with whom they live stop exhibiting symptoms**. They may not return before the end of the 14 day quarantine. While 'symptoms' are somewhat subjective (a lingering cough or scratchy throat for example), the standard is really 'illness.' (*Illness = Is the person who tested positive still feverish, or are they feeling well enough that, were it not for COVID, they would return to work? If yes, then the individual in quarantine must wait until that person is feeling better before their 14-day quarantine can begin.*)

**QUESTION:** When can a person come back early (after 7 days) from quarantine?

**ANSWER:** When someone has had direct exposure to someone who is COVID positive but with whom they do not live, they must first meet all of the criteria for [the State Guidelines for Returning from Quarantine](#). They may then get tested 7 days **after their last exposure**, and if the results are negative they may return to school/work.

## Employee Questions

**QUESTION:** An employee at my school/building has tested positive for COVID-19. May they return to work if they submit to a test 7 days later and get a negative result?

**ANSWER:** No. Employees or students that test positive must quarantine for 10 days from the date they began exhibiting symptoms. If they were never exhibiting symptoms, they must quarantine 10 days from the date they submitted to testing.

**QUESTION:** Do I need to notify the Risk Manager if someone comes back before the end of the 14 day quarantine after having received a negative test result?

**ANSWER:** Yes. This keeps our numbers accurate and ensures it does not look like we have more people in quarantine than we actually do. When someone quarantines, we expect that they will be out for 14 days, and it is input accordingly. If they come back after 7 days with a negative test result, we need to know so our numbers are accurately tabulated.

**QUESTION:** If someone is exposed outside of school, do I still need to notify the Risk Manager at the District Office?

**ANSWER:** Yes. Anytime anyone (student or staff member) tests positive or is exposed whether inside or outside of school, the Risk Manager must be notified. If a staff member or student will not be at school due to COVID-19, please notify the Risk Manager.

As our numbers rise, please exercise the greatest of care when equitably administering these rules.