

NEED TO KNOW



Chronicles In COVID-19



Highlights

Our new normal that isn't so normal...

What will happen if a student or employee tests positive?

- The positive student or employee that **DOES NOT** have symptoms will be required by the Department of Health (DOH) in Okaloosa County to isolate at home for 10 days from the date of the positive test.
- The positive student or employee that **DOES** have COVID-19 symptoms will be required by the Department of Health (DOH) in Okaloosa County to isolate at home for a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms AND at least 24 hours (1 day) without a fever without the use of medication AND improvement of all other symptoms.
- OCSD's COVID Response Team will collaborate with DOH to verify the positive case and to begin school based "close contact" tracing.
- Students and employees identified by the COVID Response team as "close contacts" to the positive case within a school environment will be asked to self-isolate for 14-days from the day of last contact with the positive case. These "close contacts" will be notified by the OCSD COVID Response Team.
- Understanding that there will be heightened concern when a positive case is identified in a school building, unless the student or employee is identified as a "close contact" to the case, it is appropriate and recommended to stay in school.
- Families will be notified to the extent allowed by law when a positive case is identified in a school building, taking care to protect the privacy of the positive student or employee.
- Classroom space that the student and/or employee occupied will be cleaned according to CDC guidelines. Those students or staff not identified as close contacts of the case will be relocated to another area until the classroom has been cleaned.

Contact Tracing:

- This is a process used to identify people (contacts) who **MAY** have been infected by exposure to a positive case of COVID-19.
- The goal is to prevent further transmission of the virus by separating people who **MAY** have the virus.
- A "**close contact**" is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before symptoms began or 2 days before being tested for people without symptoms but tested positive.
- Close contacts are asked by the Department of Health in Okaloosa County to quarantine for 14 days from the day of last contact with the positive case.

- A "**contact of a contact**" is someone who has been in contact with someone who has been identified as a close contact to a positive case. Contacts of contacts should monitor their health but are not asked to quarantine and may continue their normal daily activities, including attending school.
- Please remember: **If you have symptoms, DO NOT come to work or school!**
- If you are tested for COVID-19, **DO NOT** come to work or school until your test results are back AND negative.



OCSD COVID-19 Response Team:

- Will consist of a team of four (4) health care providers, either Registered Nurses (RNs) or Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs).
- Will be trained through the Department of Health in Okaloosa County in contact tracing and will work in close collaboration with the DOH.
- Contact tracing by the OCSD COVID-19 Response Team will be done relative to the impact the case has on the school / classroom environment and the safety of school district students and staff.
- Will provide additional support in COVID-19 on-site symptoms screening of students and staff, exclusion for COVID-like symptoms, and return to school / work guidance.

The Department of Health in Okaloosa County
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