

Hello Bulldog Parents,

Below are the guidelines you should follow if your student begins showing symptoms for covid 19 or if they are considered a close contact of a covid 19 case.

Positive Case

If a student shows symptoms for covid they need to quarantine from school for 10 days from the start of symptoms. That student should get tested and once the results come back email those if positive to Thomas.harvell@okaloosaschools.com with the start of symptoms date as well. At that time the student should email their teachers for all assignments while out and let their teachers know when they will return. We will input the correct attendance in our system with the information the parent provides.

Example: If Symptoms begin on Monday August 16th a student could return to school on Aug 26 as long as they were symptom free and have taken no medications for 24 hours. A positive case may return early after the 8th day as long as they are symptom free and have a negative test taken on or after the 8th day of symptoms.

Close Contact

If a student is considered a “close contact” they must quarantine away from school and that positive case. From last contact with the positive case a student can return on day 5 with a negative covid test and no symptoms or a student can return on day 8 without taking a test as long as they are symptom free. Students should email their teachers letting them know they are out and ask for assignments while they are absent.

Example: last contact is on Saturday Aug 14, day 5 student can return is Thursday Aug 19 with a negative test and no symptoms or on day 8 (Sunday the 22nd) which the next school day is Monday the 23rd as long as they are symptom free and they do not need a test.

Additional Testing information

Please visit this link at the Okaloosa County Dept of health for testing site locations:

<http://okaloosa.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/infectious-disease-services/COVID-19Testing.html>

HOME TESTS FOR COVID-19

- The **ONLY** test that can be used to establish a **negative result** is Ellume.
- In order for DOH to recognize a home test as positive, the **parent must use the associated app**. The app information is provided in the directions for administering the test. If the test result does not come from the app, but is a picture of the actual positive test, it will not be accepted by DOH.
- When appropriate app-confirmed test results are sent to the DOH, please include a **parent’s phone number** so they are able to contact parent if needed.
- Schools will **ONLY contact trace those cases accepted by the DOH**. Therefore, if the parent only has a picture of the actual positive test, and no test result from the associated app, there will be no contact tracing per DOH. However, the positive case should still isolate.

Common Questions by parents

What if my Crestview High Student has a family member that tested positive for Covid 19 in the same household?

If you have a family member that tested positive under the same roof, the Crestview High Student cannot return until they are able to quarantine away from the positive case. Use the same 5 and 8 day guideline above under “close contacts” if they are able to quarantine away. If they are not, the same 5 and 8 day rule will apply upon the last date of symptoms of that positive family member.

What if my Crestview High Student has a family member that has been quarantined as a “close contact?”

If your Crestview High Student has a sibling or parent that has been quarantined due to being a close contact at school or work there is no need for concern. The health dept does not recognize a contact of a close contact as an issue. Your Crestview student may continue coming to school while their sibling or parent is quarantined due to being a close contact. If at any time the parent or sibling shows symptoms then you would need to follow the same guidelines for “close contacts” above.

How long do I have to wait to give my student a Covid 19 test to be able to return early from quarantine as a close contact?

A person returning early from quarantine must wait until after the 4th day to take a covid 19 test to try and return early on the 5th, 6th or 7th day from contact. The test must be negative and remember there is no need to return with a test on the 8th day.

Can my student be exempt from being quarantined as a “close contact?”

Yes, your student may be exempt from quarantine if they are around a positive case. In order to be exempt from quarantine your student must be fully vaccinated or show proof of being covid 19 positive in the last 90 days. If your student has had their vaccinations we recommend they keep a copy of that card in their person to be able to readily show staff if asked to quarantine.

Can my student attend any Crestview High School events while quarantined from school?

No, any student that has been sent home on quarantine may not attend any event during that timeline.