

Delaware Valley School District

Additional Information about Close Contacts and Quarantine

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is a reminder about the current quarantining procedures for students determined to be a close contact (within six feet for fifteen consecutive minutes) of a confirmed case of COVID-19. We know this can be confusing so we thought a letter providing more details might be helpful. These are the three most common categories our students will fall into when they are a close contact:

For an unvaccinated student that does not wear a well-fitting mask at school:

- Student must quarantine for 10 days
 - Student may test on or after Day 5 and return after Day 7 if test is negative; if test is positive, student must quarantine a minimum of 10 days

For an unvaccinated student that does wear a well-fitting mask at school:

- Student does not need to quarantine if they were wearing their mask properly AND the student who tested positive was also wearing their mask properly during exposure
- Student does need to quarantine if the student who tested positive is unmasked

For a vaccinated student or one who has tested positive for COVID in the last 90 days:

- Student does not need to quarantine, regardless of face covering; student is recommended to wear a well-fitting mask indoors for 14 days and test 2-5 days after exposure

In order to reduce the chance of your student having to quarantine from school, all students should be wearing a well-fitting mask unless they have a medical condition precluding them from doing so.

Please continue to conduct the daily symptom screening of your child(ren) before school and keep them home if symptoms are evident.

Last school year, we didn't see the transfer of the virus from a COVID-positive student to a close contact student until winter time. So far this year, 25% of our cases are students who were close contacts who later developed symptoms. Therefore, we need everyone's help in looking for symptoms and keeping kids home when necessary.

Thank you for your help in trying to control this virus and limit its spread. If you have any questions, please call your child's school.