

EXPOSURE Precaution Letter

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

- Today, <<insert date>>, we were informed that a student or staff member tested positive for COVID-19 and may have been in contact with your child or children. This positive student or staff member was last in school on <<insert last date in school >>. Because your child or children are part of the impacted cohort (class, grade, or activity group), they must follow the following precautions. (Please note that in each scenario we determine the cohort based on the unique composition of our school community.)
- **Children over 2 years old:**
 - Individuals exposed to a person with COVID-19 may stay in school but must mask for 10 days after exposure (with day 0 being the first day exposed).
 - We recommend rapid antigen testing for those exposed on days 2, 4, and 6. Individuals who test negative must still mask for the entire 10-day period but do not need to isolate.
 - Any close contact that continues to have symptoms past the 10-day masking period must continue to mask until symptoms resolve.
 - Monitor for fever, cough, and other COVID-19 symptoms for 10 days after the last exposure. If your child is exhibiting extreme fussiness or shortness of breath, you should seek immediate medical attention.
 - **If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they must begin isolation immediately. They do not need a negative test to return to school.**
- **Children under 2 years old:**
 - Young children may remain in the childcare setting for their exposure period but should be monitored for symptoms for 10 days and tested via PCR on day 5, or sooner if symptoms develop.
 - More frequent testing as described above can help prevent further transmission in schools. Discuss options for more frequent testing with your child's healthcare provider.

Exposures who cannot mask

- Children who cannot mask may stay in school but should test at regular intervals (every other day) for 10 days. **The CDC no longer recommends quarantine for people who are exposed to COVID-19 in low-risk settings (including schools and ECEs).**

Where to get tested in Philadelphia:

- If you think your child should be tested for COVID-19, use our [testing sites map](#) and [events calendar](#) (tinyurl.com/CovidTestingCalendar) to find locations, contact information, and other requirements for testing sites in Philadelphia or scan:



- You can also pick up free rapid antigen home test kits any of our 5 [Health Department resource hubs](#) (tinyurl.com/resourcehubs) located throughout the city or scan:



Tips for caring for those with COVID-19 at home: [phlcovidhomecare](#)

We consider the health of our school community to be of extreme importance and will be working with the Philadelphia Department of Health to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The Health Department may reach out to you to provide further information and assistance. Should you have questions or immediate concerns please call the Health Department's COVID-19 hotline at 215-685-5488 or email covid.schools@phila.gov.

Sincerely,