

Parent Letter – Close Contact

[Date]

Dear Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s):

This is to inform you that a case of COVID-19 has been identified in an individual at _____ school and your child _____ has been identified as a close contact of the case. A close contact is anyone who has been within 6 feet of an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes at one time or cumulatively in a 24-hour period.

If your child is **fully vaccinated**, meaning that he or she received their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine 2 weeks ago or more, **or tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days and recovered, they do not need to quarantine.** Please monitor your child for symptoms for 14 days. If your child develops symptoms, please immediately contact your healthcare provider for further evaluation and testing and contact the school for guidance.

If your child is **not fully vaccinated** or has **not been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 90 days** and recovered, the options for return to school are as follows:

- He or she will need to quarantine at home and may return to school on _____ if they test negative for COVID-19 on Day 5 or later of quarantine, which is, _____ or later, with a diagnostic test that has received Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) or full approval by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (**see attached list of COVID-19 tests that have received EUA from the FDA**) and is used in the same manner specified by FDA's authorization or approval and have no symptoms,

OR

- He or she will need to quarantine at home and may return to school on _____ if they are not tested for COVID-19 and have no symptoms.

Quarantine is intended to keep someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others in case they develop the disease. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness spread mainly from person-to-person through respiratory droplets which are produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths and noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms which is why keeping exposed individuals separated from others is important.

Please monitor your child for any symptoms of COVID-19 which include but are not limited to: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting or diarrhea. If you notice any symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider immediately. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, please contact your child's healthcare provider and the school immediately.

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The best way to prevent illness is by limiting exposure to the virus.

- Maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet from others.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when around others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Please call **911 immediately** if your child has any of the following emergency warning signs, or any other emergency signs:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Pale, gray or bluish skin, lips or nail beds, depending on skin tone

Please see the attached flyer for free COVID-19 testing sites as well as www.broward.org/coronavirus and www.floridahealthcovid19.gov. If you need a list of health resources, please contact your school nurse or go to www.browardschools.com/CSHS. More information about COVID-19 is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on its website: <http://www.cdc.gov/covid19>.

Sincerely,

Health Personnel