



Contact Tracing Scenarios, 11/9/20

In the effort to continue to provide support to staff with clarity and transparency about district protocols, the following scenarios may help provide some understanding on how contact tracing is completed. Each case is different and the district has been instructed by public health to follow the guidelines as developed by the CDC.

Please understand, only individuals identified as close contacts will be notified directly. Your building administrator will lead that process with guidance from Central Office and PHDMC. As stated before, “contacts of contacts” will not be required to quarantine and will not be notified.

Scenario 1- Student X test positive over the weekend

Questions asked:

When did the student/staff member take the test and test positive?

Over the weekend, tested Sunday, results came back Monday morning.

When was the last time the individual was in the building?

Thursday of the prior week, the student has not returned to the building since then.

Who was within six feet of the individual for 15 minutes within a 24- hour period?

Due to the time span of the last exposure of the student (48 Hours), the time that has lapsed from the test being taken and results coming back, **no** close contacts were identified.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contac>

Contact tracing

No close contacts will be identified based on the guidance that identifies 48 hours from the time of specimen collection to isolation of student at the time of exposure.

Scenario 2- Staff member Y test positive during the week

Questions asked:

When did the student/staff member take the test and test positive?

Was showing mild symptoms Monday, tested Tuesday got results Wednesday.

When was the last time the individual was in the building?

Monday

Who was within six feet of the individual for 15 minutes within a 24- hour period?

The staff member has identified and shared with administration and public health there were 5 people within 6-ft of them for a cumulative time period of 15 minutes.

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Staff Member Y -10 days of isolation from positive test or first sign of symptoms, can return to work after 10 days and 72 hours without symptoms.

5 “close contacts” – these individuals will be notified they have been in contact with an individual that has tested positive for COVID-19. They will then need to quarantine for 14 days. They can return to work or school after completion of the 14-day period and be free of any symptoms for 72 hours.

Contacts of contacts – not required to quarantine, should monitor for symptoms follow the guidance for mitigation and report to work or school as normal.

Scenario 3- Student Z reports someone in their home has tested positive on a Thursday

Questions asked:

When did the student/staff member take the test and test positive?

No test taken, student is asymptomatic and parent chose not to test due to social distancing student in the home **(the district cannot mandate testing)**.

When was the last time the individual was in the building?

Wednesday

Who was within six feet of the individual for 15 minutes within a 24- hour period?

No one, as this individual has not tested positive.

If the individual does not test they will still be required to quarantine for 14 days and can return after that completion of that period and 72 hours without symptoms.

Contact tracing

None, contacts of contacts are not required to quarantine.

The district has the obligation to keep the information of individuals as private as possible while trying to be transparent in nature with staff. Although the level of transparency may not be enough information for some, it is what is required by law and recommended by PHDMC. We will follow those recommendations. The notification of close contacts and the contact tracing that is done will inform only those individuals identified under the guidance provided.

All district stakeholders will be notified on a global scale via the communication being sent out by Dr. Davis and Dr. Cosby. The building will receive more information, within the protective guidelines, directly from your building principal. If you are not contacted directly you were not identified as a close contact.

I truly hope this provides additional information on how contact tracing works.

Thanks, and remember, wear your mask, wash/sanitize your hands and keep at least 6ft of social distance. Be safe and Go Rams!