



COVID-19 Case letter Guidance for Individuals with COVID-19 in the School Setting

Dear Parent/Teacher/Staff member,

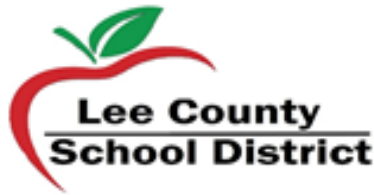
You have reported to the school that you or your child have recently tested positive for COVID-19. Please see the following instructions:

- An individual who tested positive for COVID-19 may not return to the school setting until **10 days** from the day their symptoms started. If the individual had no symptoms, he/she may not return until **10 days** from the date of the positive test.
- The individual who tested positive should remain isolated at home for the **10-day** period. Stay away from all persons in the home. Do not leave the house, or come in contact with anyone, including the people who live in the home.
- If the individual who tested positive has household contacts, he/she must limit exposure to them. Stay in a specific room away from others in the home. Instructions for limiting exposure to your household contacts can be found on the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html>.
- After **10 days** the individual who tested positive must also be fever-free for at least 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) with improvement of symptoms prior to returning to school.
- During the **10-day** isolation period students may not participate in any extracurricular school activities or sports.
- A negative test will not be required prior to return to school as long as the above criteria are met.
- A note from a physician is not required for return to school.

For additional information please see:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019nCoV/index.html>
- Mississippi State Department of Health
https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/14,0,420.html

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Notification/Guidance for Close Contacts to COVID-19 in the School Setting

Dear Parent/Teacher/Staff,

You or your child have been identified as a close contact to a case of COVID-19 in the school setting. A close contact is defined as any individual within 6 feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes or greater (cumulative) while the COVID-19 infected person is contagious. The contagious period is 48 hours before to 10 days after symptoms started (or 48 hours before to 10 days after test if there were no symptoms).

The MS State Department of Health (MSDH) continues to strongly encourage a 14 day quarantine period for close contacts to individuals who have COVID-19, especially household contacts. However, MSDH does provide the following acceptable alternative quarantine option:

10 Day Option:

Close contacts can end quarantine after 10 days if they have monitored for symptoms daily and had no symptoms during the entire 10-day period.

For 10 days following potential exposure, you or your child:

- Will be excluded from the school setting for a minimum of **10 days** after last exposure to the case of COVID-19.
- Should remain quarantined at home for **10 days** after your (or your child's) last exposure to the case.
- During the **10-day** quarantine period your child may not participate in any extracurricular school activities or sports.
- Should monitor for symptoms and take your (or your child's) temperature twice a day for a **full 14 days** from your last exposure.
 - If at any point your (or your child's) temperature is 100°F or more, feel like you are developing fever, or start having any of the symptoms (e.g. fever, cough, shortness of breath or a new loss of taste or smell) contact your healthcare provider for evaluation and retesting if indicated.
- Continue to wear masks and practice social distancing at all times for a **full 14 days**
- May return to school following the **10-day** quarantine and school exclusion period if **no** symptoms develop.

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Notification/Guidance for Faculty and Staff Close Contacts to COVID-19 in the School Setting

Dear Faculty and Staff,

You have been identified as a close contact to a case of COVID-19. A close contact is defined as any individual within 6 feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes or greater (cumulative) while the COVID-19 infected person is contagious. The contagious period is 48 hours before to 10 days after symptoms started (or 48 hours before to 10 days after test if there were no symptoms). Based on this close contact the following instructions are provided.

Following the MS Department of Health and CDC guidelines, Lee County School District recognizes all faculty and staff as “**essential workers**.” Therefore, the following recommendations apply:

Faculty and staff may continue to work under quarantine for **10 days** following potential exposure if you

- have no symptoms, **and**
- have your symptoms and temperature monitored at least twice daily by the school nurse, **and**
- wear a cloth face covering or mask the entire time you are on campus or at a school sponsored event, **and**
- maintain a distance of 6 feet or more from students and other staff

If at any point during a **full 14 days (per MSDH)** following potential exposure your temperature is 100°F or more, feel like you are developing fever, or start having any of the symptoms (e.g. fever, cough, shortness of breath or a new loss of taste or smell) you should not report to the school setting.

***School nurses wearing proper medical personal protective equipment will not be considered close contacts.*

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