

## LOSD Communication: Case of COVID-19 Date: 09.16.2021

We have been notified that a person at **Forest Hills Elementary School** has tested positive for COVID-19. The person was last at the school on **Tuesday and Wednesday 09.14.2021 and 09.15.2021**.

As members of the school community, we understand that this might raise concerns alongside a caring response. We are working closely with Clackamas County Public Health to respond to this news.

**Each situation calls for different protocols. In this case, we are taking the following steps:**

1. We have determined there are no close contacts of the positive COVID-19 case. *A close contact is someone who has been within 6 feet of the person who tested positive for longer than 15 cumulative minutes in 24 hours. It does not matter if they were wearing a mask or if they were outside. In the classroom, students 3 feet apart and consistently wearing masks are exempt from quarantine. Vaccinated individuals are exempt from quarantine. Individuals who have had a positive COVID-19 test in the past 90 days are exempt from quarantine.*
2. Building areas that may have been affected have been disinfected.

### **If you TEST POSITIVE for COVID-19, you are ISOLATED:**

Isolate at home for **at least** 10 days since the test date (or since symptoms started, whichever is first), and 24 hours fever free, and COVID-19 symptoms are improving.

[OHA How to Isolate](#)

### **If you have been identified as a close contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, and you are UNVACCINATED, you are QUARANTINED:**

Quarantine starts from the last day you were exposed to the person who tested positive.

A 14-day quarantine is required in school settings. This may be reduced to 10 days if you remain symptom-free, and continue to monitor for symptoms for 4 more days. Some counties may allow people with no symptoms to test out of quarantine after 7 days. This is not an option for schools in Clackamas County.

Please watch closely for any illness symptoms (even mild symptoms like a runny nose, scratchy throat, headache, or stomachache). Stay home if you have any illness symptoms, contact your healthcare provider, and seek COVID-19 testing.

[OHA How to Quarantine](#)

### **If you have been identified as a close contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, and you are FULLY VACCINATED, you do not have to quarantine. If you have had a positive COVID-19 test in the past 90 days you do not have to quarantine.**

Please watch closely for any illness symptoms (even mild symptoms like a runny nose, scratchy throat, headache, or stomachache). Stay home if you have any illness symptoms, contact your healthcare provider, and seek COVID-19 testing.

If you have general COVID-19 questions about LOSD protocols, please go to the School District Website under 'LOSD Covid-19 Information' [Health and Safety Protocols](#). To submit questions or concerns to LOSD about COVID-19 protocols, you may click on [LOSD COVID-19 Questions and Concerns Form](#).

**For general COVID-19 questions, you may also contact:**

Clackamas County Public Health [COVIDschooliaison@clackamas.us](mailto:COVIDschooliaison@clackamas.us)

**If you have a specific concern about this case, please contact a school district nurse:**

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