

Current CDC Summary of COVID-19 Specific Practices (www.cdc.gov)

- State and local public health officials will decide how to implement these activities and how to advise specific people, or groups of people, to be tested.
- Contact tracing will be conducted for [close contacts](#) (any individual within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more) of **laboratory-confirmed or probable COVID-19 patients**.
- Remote communications for the purposes of case investigation and contact tracing should be prioritized; in-person communication may be considered only after remote options have been exhausted.
- Testing is recommended for all [close contacts](#) of **confirmed or probable COVID-19 patients**.
- Those contacts who test positive (symptomatic or asymptomatic) should be [managed as a confirmed COVID-19 case](#).
- Asymptomatic contacts testing negative should self-quarantine **for 14 days from their last exposure** (i.e., close encounter with confirmed or probable COVID-19 case)
- If testing is not available, **symptomatic [close contacts](#)** should self-isolate and be [managed as a probable COVID-19 case](#).
- **Asymptomatic [close contacts](#)** who are not tested should self-quarantine and be monitored for 14 days after their last exposure, with linkage to clinical care for those who develop symptoms.

What this means:

- **A Negative COVID test result does NOT automatically clear a DIRECT CONTACT, or end their QUARANTINE.**
- **A Negative COVID test result MAY clear a CONTACT OF A DIRECT CONTACT.**

In situations that require contact tracing within our school buildings, you can expect a call from a school district official prior and a call from the PA Department of Health. Due to state and local case volume, you can expect contact from OESD first. OESD will communicate with anyone that is required to quarantine as a direct contact due to tracing performed in our buildings.

STAY SAFE!

Help keep our students in school!

Remember, 15 minutes (total) of close contact can result in a 14-day quarantine.

We may not be aware of our specific efforts that prevent COVID spread or a quarantine, but we will know the actions that do result in spread or quarantine!