

Quarantine/Contact Tracing

Currently Reads:

- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID 19, all family members will be sent home to quarantine immediately. They will need to quarantine for **at least five days from the last exposure**. No quarantine is necessary with proof of vaccination.

Proposed Change:

Option 1:

If a student or staff member is testing for COVID19 all household members must stay home until test results are in. If the test is positive then the household members will have to quarantine for 5 days from last exposure. It is recommended that household members isolate themselves from the symptomatic person while awaiting test results. If the test is negative household members can return immediately and the symptomatic person can return once symptoms improve.

- A positive test result without isolation possible will result in the household having to quarantine 5 days AFTER the positive case has completed their 10 days.
- If household members were isolated from the symptomatic person upon onset of symptoms and the person was positive they could return 5 days from the start of isolation.
- Vaccinated Household members will NOT have to quarantine.

Option 2:

If a student or staff member is symptomatic for COVID19 all household members must stay home until test results are in. If the test is positive then the household members will have to quarantine for 5 days from last exposure. It is recommended that household members isolate themselves from the symptomatic person while awaiting test results. If the test is negative household members can return immediately and the symptomatic person can return once symptoms improve.

- A positive test result without isolation possible will result in the household having to quarantine 5 days AFTER the positive case has completed their 10 days.
- If household members were isolated from the symptomatic person upon onset of symptoms and the person was positive they could return 5 days from the start of isolation.
- If the symptomatic person does not test, household members will have to isolate away from them for 5 days before returning. If they are not able to isolate, household members will have to quarantine an additional 5 days after the symptomatic person completes COVID protocol.
- Vaccinated Household member will NOT have to quarantine.

The rationale for change:

Until last week we were getting test results within 24 hours (most of them were within 6 hours). With the increased number of people testing Avera is now having to send out samples again. Tessa and Courtney attended a virtual meeting with Avera on Tuesday. Avera had shared at that meeting they were hitting the max threshold for rapid test results and would be moving to a tiered model. (This is what they used last year.)

Because we have also seen an increase of cases at Lakeview School we think having household members stay home until we have test results is best.

Biggest Difference in Option 1 or 2:

Option 1 allows household members to come to school if no one is testing in the home.

Option 2 has household members quarantine with a symptomatic person in the house.