

Sherman County School



"Home of the Huskies"

November 22, 2021

Sherman County School Parents, Staff, Students, and Community,

A positive COVID-19 test associated with the senior class, FFA, and basketball cohorts initiated the challenging process of contact tracing this morning. Please know that we acted as quickly as possible to gather all pertinent information in order to communicate to all of you in an accurate and timely manner. Working with NCPHD and following OHA/ODE guidelines we are making every attempt to impact the least amount of students possible.

We will personally contact all families/staff that are impacted by this situation so they can plan accordingly. If you are not contacted, your student will not need to quarantine at this time. This particular quarantine does not affect students/staff that have been fully vaccinated (per OHA/ODE guidelines) unless they become symptomatic.

Below are the quarantine scenarios associated with this particular situation:

- Exposed individuals:
 - Classwork will be posted in Google Classrooms.
 - Quarantine for 10 days (Days counted start on November 19 - Return on November 30).
 - There is an option to test out for an earlier return.
 - Test on day 5, 6, or 7 and return on day 8 (Saturday, November 27 – return to school Monday, November 29)
 - Due to staffing and the Thanksgiving holiday, free testing will only be available at the school on Monday, November 29 starting at 8:20 for an immediate return.
- Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine, unless they are symptomatic.
 - Testing is recommended on day 3, 4, or 5 (Days counted start on November 19).
- Close contacts who themselves had a previous confirmed or presumptive COVID-19 case (verified by a positive viral COVID-19 test and/or LPHA) and have completed their isolation are not required to quarantine if the new exposure happened within 90 days of symptom onset or first positive test, whichever is earlier, for their original case, unless symptomatic.

COVID fatigue has set in for many of us, but we must remain vigilant in following our prevention protocols. Masking, physical distancing, and testing are our best mitigation strategies and we appreciate all of your support. If any members of your family exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, please keep your student(s) home and contact your medical provider for advice immediately.

We are grateful to our committed families and staff who continue to show great flexibility and resilience as we work together to put student success first.

Sincerely,

Wes Owens
Superintendent