

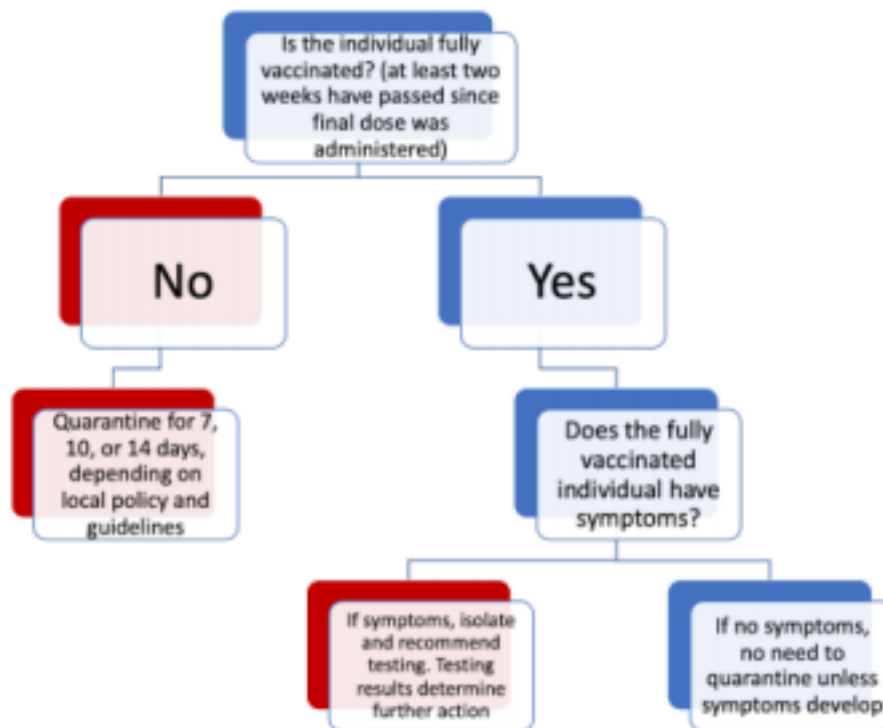
## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. What is the best way to notify the district if a student or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19?

If you are a student or staff member of the Parkers Chapel School District and have tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the District Point Of Contact Procedure. You will need to remain at home.

### 2. If staff or eligible students are fully vaccinated (at least two full weeks have passed since final dose was administered and have had recommended boosters), will they still have to quarantine if identified as a close contact?

No, fully-vaccinated individuals will not be required to quarantine as long as they remain symptom free. Please see chart below:



**3. How will you know if my student has received the COVID-19 vaccine?** If a student is identified as a probable close contact, they will need to provide proof they have been vaccinated. However, if they are not able to do that quickly, nurses may also be able to verify this information in the state vaccination database in possible quarantine situations.

### 4. What if my student is a probable close contact to a positive case OUTSIDE of

## **school?**

Students will be required to provide proof they were exposed to a positive case. If the student is fully vaccinated (with proper documentation) they will not be required to quarantine as long as they are not exhibiting symptoms.

### **5. If my student wears a mask and they are identified as a probable close contact, will they have to quarantine?**

Individuals exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 will not need to be quarantined if they have no symptoms and BOTH the infected and exposed individual consistently and correctly were wearing a mask.

### **6. What if my student is identified as a probable close contact but they have already had and recovered from COVID-19?**

Individuals who have previously tested positive from COVID-19 and recovered and are exposed to someone with COVID-19 within three months of their original diagnosis do not have to stay at home or get tested again, as long as they do not develop new symptoms and provide necessary documentation.

### **7. What exactly is Quarantine?**

A period of isolation, typically 10-14 days, that is related to exposure of a COVID positive individual. This is an important way to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Any individual directed to quarantine should remain at home and avoid all public activities, events and places. Starting 1/8/2022 ADH guidelines were updated and we follow the new guidelines.

### **8. What is Isolation?**

Isolation is required for someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.

1. Stay home for 5 days
2. If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving **after** 5 days, you can leave your house (return to school)
3. Wear a mask around others at all times through the 10th day of isolation.

If you have fever, continue to stay home for 48 hours fever free.

### **9. How long will my child have to quarantine?**

Quarantined individuals can return **AFTER** 5 days from the **last date of contact** with the positive case.

If at any time someone in quarantine as a close contact develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should immediately isolate and get tested for COVID-19 (even if they previously had a negative test during this quarantine). We emphasize that the above two options only apply to those who have NO SYMPTOMS.

**10. How will I know the exact date my child can return to school?** Once we complete contact tracing, which can take 2-3 days, you will be contacted by phone from a member of our district COVID team. They will give you a tentative date your student can return to school.

**11. Should parents continue doing a health check on their kids every day?** Yes. It is important to do a **Health Check**, which includes a temperature check and observation of any possible signs or symptoms regarding COVID-19 each morning, at home, before arriving at school or getting on the school bus.

**12. Will the district provide face coverings?**

Yes. Please contact your school nurse.

**13. How concerned should I be that my child has been identified as a probable close contact?**

It is important that you continue to monitor your child for any COVID-19 signs or symptoms. According to the ADH/ADE, symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

Symptoms can include:

- Fever (temperature 100.4 Fahrenheit or greater) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue

- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

**14. What if my child is struggling while in quarantine, especially if they are missing school and activities. What should I do?**

Please reach out to your building administrator and counselor as soon as possible and they will help assess their well-being.

**15. My student has signs and symptoms this morning of COVID-19, who should I contact?**

Please contact your school nurse.

**16. My student tested positive for COVID-19, do I have to provide a negative test for my student to come back to school?**

No, if the isolation period (after 5 days) is complete, symptoms have improved, and the student has been fever free for 48 hours without the aid of medication, they may return to school.

**17. Who will call me if my student has to quarantine due to being determined to be a probable close contact at the school?**

Below is an UPDATED explanation of our COVID-19 Communication process in regards to our Face Covering Policy:

According to the Arkansas Department of Education, your student WILL NOT need to quarantine since the positive individual and your student were wearing face coverings. However, in order for parents to be vigilant in monitoring their student for any symptoms, the district believes it is important to inform parents/guardians if their student

is considered a probable close contact.

This will come in the form of a phone call. If symptoms develop, your student should stay home from school, isolate immediately, and get tested for COVID-19. Otherwise, your student can continue to attend school as normal.

\*Please remember, it is imperative that we have your correct phone numbers and email address in our system.

To provide our parents and patrons with an understanding of our contact tracing process, we have also created a **COVID-19 Dashboard** that will be updated daily in regards to positive cases in the district.

**18. If someone in my household has a confirmed case of COVID-19 would I contact the school?**

Please notify your school nurse.

**19. If I am placed in quarantine for exposure to a positive COVID-19 case OUTSIDE of school. Who should I notify?**

Contact your school nurse and principal. Remember, blended learning will continue through Google Classroom on Chromebooks.

**20. Who can I contact if I still have questions?**

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