

Roles of Corpus Christi Catholic School and McLean County Health Department

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Definitions

As Defined by the Centers for Disease Control (**CDC**) & Illinois Department of Public Health (**IDPH**)

Case - Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19.

Contact - Anyone (with or without a face covering) who was within 6 feet of a confirmed case of a COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more. The period of close contact begins two calendar days before the onset of symptoms (for a symptomatic person) or two calendar days before the positive sample was obtained (for an asymptomatic person).

Contact Tracing - Involves identifying people who have a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 (cases) and people who they come in contact with (contacts) and working with them to interrupt disease spread.

Departments

CDC - Centers for Disease Control

IDPH - Illinois Department of Public Health

MCHD - McLean County Health Department

OCS - Office of Catholic Schools - Diocese of Peoria

Roles & Responsibilities

CCCS

- Our role is to educate our students and comply with policies and procedures set forth by the CDC, MCHD and OCS. We are not doctors nor are we health care professionals, therefore we do not determine cases, contacts, or create the policies and procedures we must follow.
- We:
 - Inform our parents, students, faculty and staff when someone in our building has a confirmed case of COVID-19.
 - Assist MCHD with identification of potential contacts of a confirmed case. We use objective information such as seating charts and proximity to a case to assist them in determining a contact.
 - MCHD recommends if your child knows they are a contact to a positive case, which we could not identify via seating charts, to self-report.
 - Communicate with families of students who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who have been identified as a contact by MCHD.
 - Follow health and safety guidelines: Conduct temperature and wellness scans each morning and afternoon; Ensure masks are worn and social distancing is observed whenever possible; Notify teachers when a student is going to remote learning; Clean and sanitize classrooms throughout breaks in the day.

IDPH & MCHD

- IDPH and MCHD establish COVID policies and procedures for schools in Illinois and serve as the point of contact for all positive test results.
- They:

- Determine type and length of quarantine for anyone who tests positive or who has been identified as a contact.
- Perform Contact Tracing
 - Determine any other people who may have been exposed (contact) by the case during their infectious period.
 - Reach out to each identified contact to notify them of the potential exposure, refer them to get tested if appropriate.
 - Instruct contact to quarantine.
- Communicate with the school to notify them when a student/staff in quarantine can return to school.

FAQ

Why are students within 6 feet of one another at certain times of the day?

- We have moved desks, chairs, furniture, etc to allow for the maximum amount of distance between each student while they are in class. Unfortunately, the number of students and the size of some of our classrooms does not allow us to successfully ensure a 6 ft. distance between every student in every classroom. We will continue to explore options to help prevent the potential spread of the virus and the number of contacts affected. It is unavoidable for us to offer in-person instruction five days a week for every student without the risk of some students being identified as a contact.

What is the process if a student or staff member tests positive?

- When we are notified of a positive case we will communicate with MCHD.
- MCHD will provide directives for us to follow, including but not limited to:
 - Notifying the entire school community of a positive test, keeping the identities of students and staff confidential.
 - Sending students or staff home who have been identified as contacts by MCHD.
 - Notifying the family of a student contact they will be receiving communication from MCHD.
- MCHD will provide directions for contacts as well as answer questions their families may have.

Where can I look to know what to do if my child has symptoms, may have been exposed to someone with symptoms, or has been exposed to someone who has tested positive?

- Refer to the COVID-19 Exclusion Protocol document.

Are there a specific number of cases or percentage of students/staff who test positive within a given period of time that will require the school to transition to 100% remote learning for a period of time?

- There is not a predetermined number or percentage set in our procedures. We will work with MCHD and OCS to monitor each situation and follow their directives to determine if we need to make this transition. For example:
 - If MCHD determines multiple positive cases can be linked to one original source via contact tracing, we may be able to stay open as their procedures of quarantining contacts can significantly prevent the spread of the virus.
 - If MCHD determines we have multiple cases from multiple sources via contract tracing, we may need to transition to 100% remote learning for a determined period of time.