

BRYAN ELEMENTARY

TURKEY TROT DONATIONS: We are accepting donations of turkeys and pies for the Turkey Trot at this time. Donations can be dropped off at the office through Wednesday. Thank you!

FACE MASKS: Please make sure your children wear a mask every day to school and wash them often. We appreciate you!

COLD WEATHER IS HERE: Please remember to dress your children appropriately for the North Idaho weather conditions. The students are outside at recess everyday regardless of the rain and snow.

PICTURE RETAKES: Dorian Photography will be here on Tuesday, December 1st from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for retakes. Extra picture packets are available in the office.

FROM THE NURSE: Below (and on Page 2) you will find some COVID-19 FAQs located on our district website, cdaschools.org. There is much more information available on the COVID-19 page including case counts by school, our risk category, and scheduling updates. Please feel free to call the school nurse if you have any questions. Thank you and stay healthy!

FAQ: Close contacts and quarantine

Q: What counts as close contact?

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or longer
- You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
- You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you

Q: How did you determine my student is a close contact of someone who tested positive?

A: Each person who tests positive for COVID-19 is interviewed. Some of the information we ask about includes how the student got to school and who they rode with. We ask if the student rides a bus, who is their girlfriend/boyfriend, what extracurricular activities did they go to. We ask if they have siblings in the Coeur d'Alene School District. We ask if they hugged, kissed, high-fived, or otherwise touched anyone while at school. We ask if they attend School PLUS. Then we review possible locations within buildings or school-related activities the student was at before school. We review the student's regular daily schedule, including what classroom activities and projects they may have worked on with others. We also ask who they sat with at lunch and what they did after school for extracurricular activities, or how they got home for each of the days on the timeline. Then we take this information and confirm or deny it by checking with teachers, seating assignments, coaches, advisors, school bus drivers and others who may know more about the students locations and activities. Sometimes we check security camera recordings to confirm that we are identifying the correct students.

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NOVEMBER

- 19 Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences at 3:45 - 7:00
- 20 NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences All Day
- 23-27 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- 1 Picture Retakes 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- 9 PTA Zoom Meeting 6:00 p.m.



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Q: What time frame are you using to determine a close contact?

A: During the interview we establish a timeline of events that is used to make decisions. We first must determine the date symptoms began. Then we calculate 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms. The positive individual is then asked about all District-related events, activities and attendance during the infectious period.

Q: If the positive individual is asymptomatic (not experiencing symptoms), what time frame are you using to determine a close contact?

A: If the positive individual is asymptomatic, then we use the date of the test sample as day zero (day for onset of symptoms) and calculate back 48 hours prior to the test.

Q: Are you quarantining entire groups or classes of students without identifying exactly who has close contact?

A: No, we do not quarantine entire classes, teams or clubs unless it was determined that each of the individuals had a close contact.

Q: Does the rest of our household need to quarantine?

A: No, you do not need to self-quarantine. But your family should closely monitor yourselves for any [symptoms of COVID-19](#). However, if your student develops symptoms of COVID-19, then the entire household should stay home and consult with a healthcare provider or the health department for further direction.

Q: Where can we get a COVID-19 test in our area?

A: For testing in your area, check get-tested-covid19.org. This site is not a complete resource and the developers are adding more sites as they learn of them. Panhandle Health District advises individuals to contact their primary care provider to inquire about testing. If someone does not have insurance or is not established with a primary care provider, call the Panhandle Health Coronavirus Information Hotline (877-415-5225) to be assessed for a test.

Q: What if our student was exposed to COVID and now has symptoms?

A: Please call your healthcare provider. Your student should be evaluated and tested for COVID at least 5 to 8 days after the last exposure.

Q: We have a positive individual in our home. When can our student return to school?

A: A household member can begin their quarantine either on the last date of the case's isolation period, or starting when they are able to remain isolated from the positive individual. In a scenario where the positive household member has separate sleeping and bathroom space and meal delivery to room (essentially no contact with others in the household), the 2 weeks can start from the date they began isolating from each other.

Q: It sounds like you've known about this COVID case since last week. Five or seven days have passed since the exposure and you are just now notifying us?

A: No, we just became aware in the last few hours that an individual has tested positive. Once we become aware of this, we interview the student/family, teachers and advisors to determine close contacts when the positive individual was last at school and around others. Then we notify all of the close contacts. This notification typically happens before the next school day begins.

Q: My student already had COVID-19. If they are identified as a close contact, will they need to quarantine again?

A: If your student has had COVID in the last 3 months, we just need a doctor's note or a note from the health department to tell us that. Once we receive the note, your student will be able to attend school and does not need to quarantine.

Q: My student was wearing a mask. How could they be identified as a close contact?

A: You are still considered a close contact even if you were wearing a cloth face covering while around someone with COVID-19. Cloth face coverings are meant to prevent someone from transmitting the virus to others, not to protect someone from becoming infected.

Q: We don't think our student needs to quarantine. How do we appeal this?

A: Your student was identified using a standardized and certified process approved by Panhandle Health District. If you have evidence that your student was not in close contact, please contact Panhandle Health. If Panhandle gives the School District direction to change the quarantine dates, we will make the adjustment.

Q: How fast does the School District work to notify close contacts?

A: We try to notify close contacts to quarantine within 24 hours of the District becoming aware of the situation. Our goal is to notify students and staff before the beginning of the next school day.