



August 20, 2020

La Porte Community School Corporation Families and Staff,

The following information is being provided to help families and staff understand the school's process for following up on any reported positive COVID 19 cases during the school year. If a positive case is reported to the school, we want you to be informed. Per the recommendations from the Indiana State Dept. of Health and in alignment with our "Getting Back on Track" plan, we will work to determine if there were any close contacts with the positive COVID 19 test (closer than 6 feet and more than 15 minutes).

If it is determined that your student was in close contact with a COVID 19 positive test case, we will follow the health department's process for contact tracing and notify any close contact's parent/guardian. Anyone determined to be in close contact will need to be quarantined per the guidelines of the Indiana State Department of Health. Anyone testing positive must follow the health department's [stay home and isolate guidance](#). During a quarantine or isolation period, people must not report to school or work and should separate themselves from others and monitor their health. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can happen before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. If you are quarantined, we will provide you with the recommended quarantine period and return to school timeline.

If it is determined that your student was not in close contact with the COVID 19 positive test case (closer than 6 feet and more than 15 minutes), then no further action is needed. Your student does not need to quarantine. You should continue to monitor your daily health and watch for any [COVID 19 symptoms](#).

Please be aware that due to privacy laws, including HIPPA and FERPA, the district cannot divulge further information regarding staff members or students.

Lastly, you can find more information from the Indiana State Department of Health on returning to school or work at this [link](#):

https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/20_Student%20Guidance%20for%20Return%20to%20School_7-29-20.pdf

Sincerely,

Superintendent or Principal