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CoVid-19 Frequently Asked Questions

We know that last year was tough, but we're excited to get back in the classroom this fall. We are committed to taking the steps necessary to help us have a safe return to school. As part of steps to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep our school open for in-person learning, Pleasantville Public Schools are closely following the [guidelines](#) set forth by Governor Murphy and the New Jersey Department of Health. Below you will find common questions asked by parents and our district's response to those questions.

1. What should I do if my child was identified as a close contact and is not fully vaccinated against CoVid-19?

You should keep your child home for 10-14 days as indicated by the school nurse and Atlantic County Department of Health. Your child will be able to access virtual learning through their teacher's google platform. We ask that you continue to monitor for the [list of symptoms](#). If your child begins to exhibit symptoms, please contact the school nurse and child's doctor.

2. If one of my children has to quarantine, will my other school-aged children need to quarantine as well?

No. If your child is quarantined, they have been identified as a close contact. As long as the quarantined child does not exhibit symptoms, your other kids do not have to quarantine. However if your child does begin to exhibit symptoms, all school-aged children will have to quarantine.

3. What is considered a close contact?

Close contact is a person who has been identified as being within 6 feet proximity for greater than 15 minutes within a 24-hour time period, with or without a mask

4. How does contact tracing work?

We first begin with the CoVid positive student. We interview that person to identify every classroom teacher associated with that student. The classroom teacher is then asked to identify other students who sit in close proximity to the CoVid positive child. The school nurse determines the vaccination status of the students and requires quarantine of any non-vaccinated child. Students who are vaccinated, do not have to quarantine. Contact tracing is only done within the school and the school nurse will contact you if applicable. Contact tracing is done in accordance with [CDC Guidelines](#).

5. How do I know when my child can return to school after testing positive?

The quarantine timeline and return to school date is determined by the Atlantic County Department of Health. Typically a minimum of 10 days is required but it may be longer depending on symptom onset and duration.

6. How do I know when my child can return to school after being quarantined but not being symptomatic or testing positive?

The student cannot return to school until the end of the allotted time period. A letter from the nurse will indicate the date of return.

7. Will I be notified if a student tests positive in my child's class even if my child is not considered a close contact?

Per CDC guidelines, only parents of identified close contacts are required to be notified.

8. What happens if my child's teacher tests positive?

Contact tracing will follow the same procedure as a student positive case. Teachers are practicing physical distancing and are required by the state to be fully vaccinated or submit weekly CoVid-19 negative test results.

9. Who do I contact if my child begins to show symptoms outside of school hours?

Please contact the child's pediatrician and follow their professional advice .

10. What should I do if I have a covid positive person in the same house that has tested positive and/or is showing symptoms?

Call the school nurse and begin quarantine for 10-14 days. Also reach out to your family's primary care physician.

11. Where can I go to get my child vaccinated?

[Click here](#) for a list of CoVid-19 vaccination sites as designated by the Atlantic County Department of Health.

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