



ALIQUIPPA SCHOOL DISTRICT

DR. PHILLIP K. WOODS, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

September 14, 2021

Dear Aliquippa Parents & Families,

Yesterday, Monday, September 13th, we were informed of three positive Covid cases, two presumed positive cases, 22 students in quarantine and one staff member in quarantine all at Aliquippa Elementary. At Aliquippa High School, we have confirmed two positive cases and 20 students in quarantine.

As part of the contact tracing protocol, anyone who had close contact with the individual, has been asked to self-quarantine for 10-14 days from the time of exposure unless they are fully vaccinated. Per the CDC, close contact is defined as any individual within 6-feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period. We have conducted an investigation to determine students and staff who may have had close contact with the individual who tested positive and these individuals have been notified. Additionally, all infected work areas and supplies have been disinfected per CDC guidelines.

People who are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine after contact with someone who has Covid-19 unless they demonstrate symptoms. However, fully vaccinated individuals should get tested 2-5 days after their exposure even if they do not show symptoms and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.

Please continue to report positive cases of COVID-19 to **Jessica Judy, R.N., C.S.N., Aliquippa School District, (724)857-7500 ext. 2170 or email: jjudy@quipsd.org**

Anyone who has been exposed to COVID-19 and is quarantining should also notify the District.

We remain committed to ensuring a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff as we continue our fight against Covid-19.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Phillip K. Woods

Superintendent of Schools

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COVID-19 Quarantine Guidance Flowchart K-12 schools

Close Contact
Are you staff or a student?

STAFF
Are you vaccinated?

STUDENT
Are you vaccinated?

NO
Quarantine for 10 days and seek testing.*

YES
Do you have symptoms?

NO
What was the distance between you and the positive case?

YES
Do you have symptoms?

NO
Get tested 2-5 days after exposure. You do not need to quarantine, but you must wear a mask until your test results come back. Isolate if test is positive.

YES
Get tested. Stay home until test results come back and 24 hours have passed since symptoms resolved. Isolate if test is positive.

LESS THAN 3 FT.
Quarantine for 10 days and seek testing.*

BETWEEN 3-6 FT.
Were both students wearing masks consistently and correctly?

NO
If you were between 3-6 ft. of an infected person and both masked, no action is needed. If you were closer or either was unmasked, wear a mask and get tested 2-5 days after exposure.

NO
Quarantine for 10 days and seek testing.*

YES
Do you have symptoms?

NO
You are excluded from quarantine and testing.

YES
Get tested. Stay home until test results come back and 24 hours have passed since symptoms resolved. Isolate if test is positive.

* Quarantine can end 10 days after exposure if no symptoms develop with careful daily monitoring. Continue to monitor for a full 14 days. Quarantine can end after 7 days if the person does not develop symptoms and tests negative 5 days after exposure or later. All activities can be resumed on Day 8 with a negative test.

A person is considered a close contact if they were within 6 ft of an infectious person for 15 consecutive minutes or more in an indoor school setting with or without a mask.
EXCEPTION: In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.¹

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact> Updated 8/11/21