

OGES Addressing Student COVID-19 Exposures and Quarantines

- Covid has not left us.
 - If Covid is in the community, then it will be in our schools as well.
 - It is reasonable to assume that cases will exist in schools given that we had approximately 50% of students in person last year versus approximately 93% this year.
 - We are following the recommendations from NC DHHS to protect students and staff.
 - Oak Grove is aligned with WCPSS policy and practices.
 - Oak Grove Administration is working with the Southwest Area Year Round Schools to follow aligned practices when addressing exposures.
- **What happens when there is a presumptive positive case at Oak Grove?**

School is informed of presumptive positive case (usually by family). School begins early contact tracing. We check seating charts for classroom, lunch and specials. According to contact tracing, any student within 6 feet for greater than 15 minutes is considered "exposed".

 1. **We notify the health department of exposed individuals. Health department advises the school that those individuals must go home and await further information.**
 2. **Once the Health department confirms contact tracing, a form is sent to the school to send to the families of exposed individuals. The form has multiple pathways to return. That part of the form can be confusing. We often have to talk families through the dates on the form. The earliest an individual can return to campus is after they receive a negative COVID PCR test result administered after the 5th day after exposure. There is no real difference in the requirements of a 10 day quarantine versus a 14 day quarantine for "No Covid-19 Testing". (The CDC and Health Department still recommend the 14 days so that is still on there as an option in case families decide to choose that quarantine option instead of one of the shortened options so you will know when they should begin to return to school.)**
 3. **Students who are quarantined are provided work from the teacher. The teacher is also supposed to check-in daily. The students are not given virtual live instruction and they don't go into VA.**
 - **Policy for how students should access instruction during quarantine:**
 - As of right now, it is not an expectation that Traditional Calendar nor YR students join a VA class during their absence from school. We are not utilizing the VA as we did during the 20-21 school year. Per the School Board Policy and R&P as it pertains to Attendance, when a student is absent due to quarantine or isolation, schools and teachers are expected to provide the following:
 - Daily communication with the student.
 - Access to meaningful and aligned learning resources (in paper or online). Paper copies can be picked up at school. On-line resources are typically through Google Classroom.
 - Students or families should not go for multiple days without receiving individualized communication from their teacher(s).