

## COVID-19 Related FAQ

**1. Will I be informed if there is a positive case of COVID-19 in my child's class/grade/school?**

Parents/guardians will be informed by the public health department and/or a Cameron School District employee if their child is considered a moderate risk to a student or staff member that tests positive for COVID-19. In situations where your child is not at risk, you will not be informed. The name of the person that tests positive will never be shared.

**2. What is a moderate risk contact?**

A moderate risk contact is a person who was within six feet of a positive case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes in a 24 hour period, with or without a face covering. This could mean three, five-minute interactions, it does not have to be 15 consecutive minutes. The Department of Health Services (DHS) will make the determination of who is a moderate risk of contact, not the school district.

**3. How is a moderate risk contact identified?**

DHS will make this decision with the cooperation of the school district by reviewing seating charts, classroom activity, extracurricular participation, and information from the positive case. The school district will provide information to DHS to allow DHS to make this determination.

**4. What happens if my child is a moderate risk contact?**

The student will be excluded from school for a time as determined by DHS. DHS may ask that the student be monitored for symptoms of COVID-19 and have their temperature taken twice a day.

**5. What do I do if my child tests positive for COVID-19?**

You should take the following actions: (1) Keep your child (and any other school-aged children in the home) at home (2) Contact your child's school and report it to the school nurse and/or administration. DHS will provide you with more information about what steps you need to take. This will include information on the earliest date your child is able to return to school.

**6. Why do my other children need to stay home from school if only one child tested positive for COVID-19?**

Anyone who lives in the same home as a person with a positive case is at high risk of developing the illness. All household members will be in quarantine for a time which will be determined by DHS.

**7. What is the difference between isolation and quarantine?**

Isolation occurs when a person has a positive test result or a presumed positive for COVID-19 because of symptoms and contact with a known positive. Some people with a

positive test never develop symptoms. They are still able to spread the virus and must remain isolated for 10 days or as determined by DHS.

Quarantine lasts 14 days and is for a person who was a moderate or high risk contact of a positive case. Because this person is at high risk of developing the illness they need to stay away from others to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. As noted above some people do not develop symptoms, but could still spread the virus.

**8. What if a parent/guardian is positive for Covid-19?**

Your child/children will be in a 14 day quarantine and need to be excluded from school. Contact your child's school and inform the nurse and/or administration. DHS will be contacting you to provide further information.

**9. How are teachers and school staff effected by a positive case?**

School staff will be in isolation or quarantine depending on their contact with a positive case or if they test positive. This will be determined by DHS after tracing is complete. Communication in this regard will come from DHS and/or school administration or school nurse.

**10. If my child is in quarantine because of a contact at school, do my other children need to be in quarantine too?**

No, only children that have been determined by DHS to be a moderate risk contact with a positive case need to stay home from school. However, if the quarantined child develops symptoms and tests positive, then the other children in the house will need to be in quarantine for a time determined by DHS.

**11. My child was sent home because of COVID-19 like symptoms, I think I know what illness my child is suffering from due to their health history and I am certain my child is not ill with COVID-19, but I am not having a COVID-19 test done. Is the school district going to mandate a test be completed or can I make that decision for my child and send them back when they are symptom free?**

The Cameron School District will follow the process in the COVID-19 screening flowchart. As such, students suspected of having COVID-19 will be excluded from school for 10 days from the first onset of symptoms at a minimum. However, if a family provides the school with documentation from a physician stating that the student was ill for reasons other than COVID-19 and they have been symptom free for at least 24 hours, they will be allowed to return to school.