



To Learn, Serve, and Give as ONE

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Dear York School District One Parents and Guardians,

As we continue to navigate through our COVID-19 times, we will keep you informed on any changes and updates to our safety protocols, operation plan, and our efforts to provide day-to-day instruction to your child.

Today we would like to update you on our efforts to effectively conduct the required “close contact” tracing and possible communications you may receive if your child is identified as a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

1. Close contact tracing assists significantly in our efforts to keep classrooms and schools open for face-to-face instruction. Determining which students will need to quarantine and which students can safely remain in school is a daily process in our schools. Our goal is to keep you as parents up to date on what to expect if you are notified that your child is determined to be a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. What you can expect: Our York School District One staff will continue to utilize seating charts to accurately identify students who are determined to be in close contact with another student or staff member who is determined positive for COVID-19. You will be notified as soon as possible if your child is identified as a close contact.
2. Please know that we want all students to be able to attend school. Therefore, we will carefully make close contact determinations and contact you as a parent once close contact is confirmed. We will appreciate your patience and understanding if you receive a call about your child being identified as a close contact. You will be given information for your child’s quarantine.

Please note: Students who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (ages 12 and up are eligible) may not have to quarantine as long as:

Proof of vaccination is provided, the student has no symptoms, the student agrees to wear a mask for 14 days; and agrees to testing by the school nurse on Day 3, 4, or 5. If the result of the test conducted by the school nurse is negative, the student may continue to attend school and monitor symptoms. If the test is positive, the student will follow guidance and remain in isolation for the duration of the quarantine period with a return to school date provided by the school nurse/school administrator.

3. If your child attends a classroom with an identified positive case for COVID-19 but is NOT considered a close contact, you will receive a notification letter informing you of this, but again, your child will continue to attend school without disruption.
4. We will not send school-wide notification letters to parents if there is a positive case of COVID-19 identified in the school, but will continue to update our COVID-19 Data Dashboard to keep you informed. You can find this dashboard using the following link:

<https://www.york.k12.sc.us/tlc>

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