What happens when someone tests positive for COVID-19 in CPS?

STEP 1

When someone tests positive for COVID-19, they should report their case to CPS at cps.edu/covidresults so that contact tracing can begin. When a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 is identified in school, our contact tracing team will determine if the individual was in the building while contagious and establish who were close contacts.

NOT Exposed/ NOT a Close Contact

Includes anyone who was in the building the same day as the positive individual, but DID NOT interact with the case in a way that defines them as a close contact. Simply being in the same building or at the same event as a positive or symptomatic person does not mean you are a close contact or need to work/learn from home.

Exposure/ Close Contact

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention define close contact as being **within six feet of a COVID-19-positive person with or without a mask for 15 or more minutes within a 24-hour period. In some situations, a cohort will be asked to work/learn from home.**

Exposure/Close Contact

(No working/learning from home required)

If you had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and you are in one of the following groups, you do not need to work/learn from home as long as you remain asymptomatic:

- You are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines
- You had a Confirmed positive COVID-19 test within the last 90 days and you are asymptomatic at this time.

STEP 2

After completing an interview with the individual who tested positive and reviewing entrance logs of the CPS office or school, the contact tracing team will notify any individuals who were identified as close contacts of the need to work/learn from home. The school community will be sent a notification informing them when a confirmed case was present in the building.

Work/learn from home

If you think you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive or are experiencing any symptoms, please consult your healthcare provider and get tested. If you test positive, please report your test result promptly to CPS using the COVID-19 Self-Reporting Tool at cps.edu/covidresults. Your help is the key to keeping our communities safe.

Learn more about what CPS is doing to keep everyone safe and healthy at cps.edu/covid.

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