



MARTIN COUNTY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Martin County West Families and Staff
From: Cori Reynolds, Superintendent
RE: Handling Lab-Confirmed Positive COVID Tests and Exposures
Date: September 14, 2021

The purpose of this memo is to share the process that will be followed when a member for the Martin County West Schools community tests positive for or is exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID. As with all COVID mitigation strategies, the overall goals are to keep students and staff safe and to maintain as much in-person learning as possible.

When Someone Tests Positive for COVID

1. When a parent, family member, or staff person is made aware of someone testing positive for COVID, the [MCW COVID Exposure Report](#) form should be completed to alert school officials to the test results.
2. A school official will verify the report and share the [MDH Quarantine Guidance](#) and the [COVID Fact Sheet](#) with the person who tested positive to determine a return to school date.
 - a. For students who test positive: stay home until symptoms are better, it has been 10 days, and there has been no fever for at least 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication.
 - b. For staff who test positive: stay home until symptoms are better, it has been 10 days, and there has been no fever for at least 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication.

When Someone is Exposed to a Person with COVID

1. Anyone who is exposed while at a Martin County West School or activity to a person who tests positive for COVID will be sent the [COVID Fact Sheet Coverletter](#) and the [COVID Fact Sheet](#). No action will be required unless the person who had close contact develops symptoms.
2. If the exposure was to a person in their household who tested positive, the MCW student or staff will be required to quarantine for 14 days from the last date of exposure to the person who tested positive unless the exposed person is fully vaccinated and not experiencing any symptoms. An exposed person who is fully vaccinated and not experiencing any symptoms can come back to school. The MN Department of Health recommends people who have been exposed but are fully vaccinated and asymptomatic who are returning to school wear a mask until they receive negative test results or 14 days from the last exposure.

For questions or concerns, please contact Megan Morgan, Martin County West School Nurse, at 507-764-2330 or meganmorgan@mcwmavericks.org.

Sincerely,

Cori Reynolds
Superintendent