



## Protocol for Responding to a Confirmed COVID-19 Case in the School

1. If a student, staff, volunteer, or visitor who has been present in school with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, or was present in school within 48 hours of first exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms leading to a positive diagnosis, the President or Principal will contact the Adjunct to the Vicar of Education at OEEC; the School Nurse will contact the local health department and the district's COVID-19 Health and Safety Compliance Liaison. This communication should be made while maintaining confidentiality and privacy expectations.
2. The COVID-19 Health and Safety Compliance Liaison shall notify the Department of Public Health to immediately assess the risk of further transmission in the school.
3. Decisions will be made concerning:
  - a. Contact tracing;
  - b. Quarantining a cohort(s) for 2-5 days;
  - c. Quarantining of school;
  - d. Continuity of education and/or reopening of school.
4. The decision to quarantine a cohort or whole school for 2-5 days will be made by the head authority in the school in consultation with the School Nurse upon recommendation from the local school district and the Department of Public Health. *OEEC must be notified of the recommendation before the decision is communicated to the school community.*
5. A short-term closure of a cohort or school will allow time for the classroom and/or school to be fully disinfected as well as time to work with the Health Department to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school and develop a response plan.
6. A school closure will be recommended based on the number of school COVID positive cases in proportion to the cases identified as positive in the school's local geographic area.
7. In the case of a confirmed case of COVID-19 at a particular school, the school will notify school staff and parents only that there is a positive case, maintaining confidentiality of the student's name. The school Principal or President must maintain communication with parents regarding the status of the plan to return to school.
8. The school will keep record of students dismissed with symptoms for internal use.