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5 steps to expect if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19


- ### 1 Case interview

Once a positive result is reported, public health officials will contact the person with COVID-19. If the infected person is under 18 years old, the person's parent or guardian will be contacted. An investigation will be conducted and the person with COVID-19 will be asked to isolate at home.


- ### 2 Identification of close contacts

Public health officials will assess who is considered to be a close contact, and needs to be quarantined. The school may be contacted to get seating arrangements or other information.

Close contacts are those that had close, prolonged contact with the infected person. This is defined as six feet or closer for ten minutes or more.



- ### 3 Isolation for people with COVID-19

Children or staff who are under isolation will be required to stay home until they meet the following criteria:


If symptomatic:

 - ✓ No fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication
 - ✓ Symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours
 - ✓ At least ten days have passed since symptoms first started

If asymptomatic:

 - ✓ At least ten days have passed since their test was collected
- ### 4 Quarantine of close contacts


Children or staff who are under quarantine will be asked to stay home for 14 days after their last exposure to the infected person, monitor for symptoms and seek testing. A negative test does not shorten the length of quarantine.


- ### 5 Return to school

People with COVID-19 may return once they have:

 - ✓ Met ALL of the relevant criteria outlined in Step 3
 - ✓ Received a release letter from public health officials

Close contacts may return once they have:

 - ✓ Completed their quarantine period without developing symptoms or testing positive

NH DOE For education related questions, call 603.271.3494. For TDD Access, relay NH 1.800.735.2964.

311 For public health related questions, call 603.271.4496. After hours: Call 603.271.5300 and ask for the public health nurse on call.

Positive case reported:

- Public Health officials contact individual and notify the school**
- School notifies community**
- Person isolates, along with close contacts identified by public health**

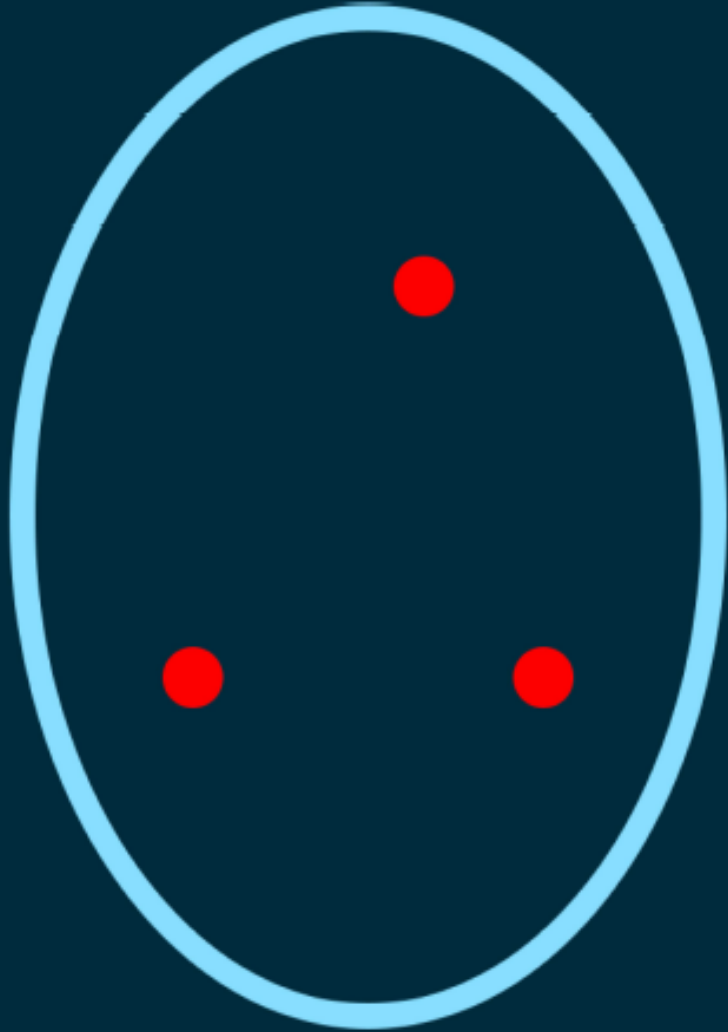
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What's a cluster?



- 3+ cases in one classroom
- Schools notify community
- Close contacts notified by Public Health & remain home

What's an outbreak?

Mrs. Smith's Class



Cafeteria



Mr. Jones' Class



Ms. Connor's Class



What to Expect

- Notification of a positive case by school officials
- Notification of a cluster by school officials, with grade level details when criteria is met
- Notification when there is an outbreak by Public Health, with 14-day transition to remote learning
- Close contacts always notified