



Friendship Public
Charter School
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To:

From: Principal

Date:

RE: **Close Contact Notification [Quarantine Required]**

Dear:

DC Health, in partnership with Friendship's Campus, has identified your child, [child's name], as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID 19) and that your child had close contact with this person on [Date].

As a close contact and in an abundance of caution, we ask that your child stay home from school and quarantine for 14 days. Your child can return on [Date] as long as they do not develop symptoms during this time and other requirements for ending quarantine are met. See [DC Health's Guidance for Contacts of a Person with COVID-19](#).¹ Testing is recommended at least five days after the last time your child was in close contact to the person with COVID-19. If they get tested too soon, the test may not be able to detect the virus; however, *testing does not shorten the required quarantine period*, even with a negative test.

As a close contact, you must closely monitor your child for symptoms such as:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher;
- New or worsening cough;
- Difficulty or hard time breathing;
- New loss of taste or smell;
- Sore throat;
- Extreme fatigue;
- Nasal congestion, stuffy, or runny nose;
- Muscle pain;
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea;
- Severe or very bad headache;
- Chills

Please talk to your healthcare provider about getting your child tested, or visit a [DC COVID-19 Testing Site](#).

- **If your child's test result is negative** during the quarantine period **but they are exhibiting symptoms**, they still need to stay home until their symptoms are improved and they are fever free for 24 hours. People who have close contact with someone who has the virus may still get

¹ DC Health Guidance for Contacts of a Person Confirmed to have COVID-19:

https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page_content/attachments/06172020_Health_Guidance_for_Contacts_of_a_Person_Confirmed_to_have_COVID-19_JIC%20Reviewed.pdf



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sick up to 14 days later.

- **If your child's test result is positive, notify us as soon as possible.** A positive test means your child may need to stay at home longer than 14 days.
- If your child develops symptoms and tests positive for COVID-19, everyone who lives in the house needs to stay home for at least 14 days. The 14 days start on the day they are able to stay separated from the child who has symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19. People who cannot stay separated from the child will need to stay home 14 days after the child who is positive finishes their 10-day isolation. After 10 days, it is thought that people are no longer able to spread the virus to others. This could mean staying home longer than 14 days.

Resources you may find helpful:

- [DC COVID-19 General Information](#)
- [COVID-19 FAQs](#)
- [DC Health Quarantine Guidance](#)
- [Families with Children DC Health Guidance](#)
- [Guidelines for Household Members](#)

Resources related to employment concerns:

- [COVID-19 Leave](#)
- [Employment Related Recovery Options](#)
- [DC Paid Family Leave](#)

We are sorry for the problems this may cause your family. We want to keep children in school as much as we can, and as safely as we can. We learn more all the time about how COVID-19 spreads. We now know the virus spreads easier when people share a small space, and the risk of spreading increases the longer people share that space. Face coverings help us protect each other, but they are just one way we can try to stop the spread of COVID-19. Keeping close contacts of someone with COVID-19 away from healthy people is another important way to stop the spread.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing commitment to keeping the safety of our students, staff, and school communities a priority. If you have any questions, please send them to wecare@friendshipschools.org.

Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe.

Sincerely,