

# Hancock County School District

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## COVID Close Contact Letter

Dear Parent,

Your child has been identified as a close contact to a case of COVID-19 in the school setting. A close contact is defined as any individual within 6 feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes or greater. Based on this close contact the following instructions are provided.

For 14 days following potential exposure, your child:

- Will be excluded from the school setting for a minimum of 14 days after last exposure to the case of COVID-19.
- Should remain quarantined at home for 14 days after your (or your child's) last exposure to the case.
- Are instructed to get tested for COVID-19 following your exposure even if you do not have symptoms. MSDH maintains a list of testing sites on the website at <https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/ static/14,21912,420,874.html>. (Please let your provider know that you have been exposed before you go in for testing.)
- Should monitor for symptoms and take your (child's) temperature twice a day for a minimum of 14 days from your last exposure.
- If at any point your child's temperature is 100.4°F or more, feel like you are developing fever, or start having any of the symptoms (e.g. fever, cough, shortness of breath), contact your healthcare provider for evaluation and retesting if indicated.
- May return to school following the 14-day quarantine and school exclusion period if no symptoms develop. A repeat negative test is not required.

Sincerely,

**Hancock County School District**

For additional information please see: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Mississippi State Department of Health <https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/ static/14,0,420.html>