

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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[Date]

Dear Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s):

The Florida Department of Health in Brevard County (DOH- Brevard) has been informed of a case of COVID-19 at **(NAME OF SCHOOL)**. After an investigation, DOH- Brevard is notifying parents of students who were identified as direct contacts to the case. A direct contact is anyone who had face-to-face contact or shared a small space for a long period of time with an infected person.

Your child was identified as being exposed to the case.

Parents or legal guardians of students who are known to have been in direct contact with an individual who received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 may choose one of the following options:

- 1. Allow the student to attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property, without restrictions or disparate treatment, so long as the student remains asymptomatic; or**
- 2. Quarantine the student for a period of time not to exceed seven days from the date of last direct contact with an individual that is positive for COVID-19.**

Returning to school no later than (Date of Day 8).

Please monitor your child for any [symptoms of COVID-19](#). If you notice any symptoms, contact your child's pediatrician immediately for further evaluation and testing.

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness spread mainly from person-to-person through respiratory droplets which are produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths and noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms which is why keeping exposed individuals separated from others is important.

Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. The [most common symptoms](#) associated with COVID-19 are fever, cough and difficulty breathing. If symptoms develop in your child, seek medical care and get tested.

The best way to prevent illness is by limiting exposure to the virus.

- Maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet from others.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when around others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

If you have any questions, please call the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County at 321-454-7101. More information about COVID-19 is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on its website www.cdc.gov/covid19.

Sincerely,

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