

OASD Exposure Exclusion Expectations Letter Updated 8.19.20

Dear OASD Families,

As your child attends school during the day, many of you may have questions about the steps to take in COVID-19 exposure. Exposure can happen in school or outside of the school setting, and we want to share how this may impact your child attending school.

The OASD is currently following the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) exposure-related guidelines and will continue to monitor for any changes made to these guidelines. Additionally, the District will continue to collaborate with local health authorities to stay informed of any developments at the local level. Guidance and recommendations at the federal, state, and local levels are continuously changing; please note that the following guidance is also subject to change.

There are several ways that anyone can be exposed to symptoms or a positive case of COVID-19, and there are several different approaches to the intervention of exposure. Determining the details of exposure will drive the guidance that you should take for your child concerning self-quarantine and symptom monitoring practices.

The following will give you a brief overview of what you might expect if exposure occurs. Please note that OASD Health Services is available to provide further guidance and direction as well as address any questions or concerns you may have regarding exposure and self-quarantine and symptom monitoring practices.

The support and assistance of our school community when working to contain infectious diseases is vital. Teaching the foundations of healthy habits in the home, self-reporting illness, and keeping sick individuals home are essential elements in the success of containing infectious disease within a community. As a reminder, please continue to refer to the OASD Illness Guidelines when determining to keep your child home from school based on illness.

If your child is exposed to an individual who has tested POSITIVE for COVID-19:

- The District would not provide communication if your child was exposed to an individual that only displayed symptoms of COVID-19.
- Notification from the District will be sent to you to outline recommendations that you should take for your child as well as any action that the District will be taking in response.

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If your child is exposed to an individual exhibiting symptoms and/or has tested positive for COVID-19 in their household or outside of the school setting:

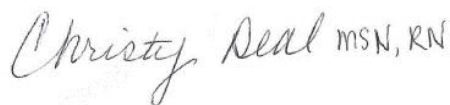
- Your child must self-quarantine at home for 14 days from the last date of known exposure.
- **Exposure Expectation added 8.19.2020:** If the individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 in their household cannot ensure complete separation (no contact, no time together in the same room, no sharing of any spaces), your child must self-quarantine for the remainder of the positive individual's isolation period PLUS an additional 14 days after that individual's isolation period has ended.
- You must contact the school site's attendance line to report an absence from school based on exposure.
- Continue to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and consult with your child's medical provider if symptoms appear.

Children exposed to COVID-19 by individuals inside the home or outside of school (secondary exposure) (e.g., a parent is directly exposed to an individual that has tested positive for COVID-19, but the child has not):

- Your child will NOT need to self-quarantine at home for 14 days.
- Continue to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and consult with your child's medical provider if symptoms appear.

Additional information on quarantine timelines can be found at [CDC: COVID-19: When to Quarantine](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/quarantine). If you have any questions about the OASD Illness guidelines, please contact me at DealC@oasd.org.

Sincerely,



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