

Avon School District
Close Contact Policy

Motion to recommend following SD Department of Health’s “Recommendations for Temporary Exclusion from a School Setting” and to authorize the Superintendent to implement rules, plans and procedures for the application and execution of these recommendations as follows:

1. When staff, parents and/or the DOH notify the school of a positive COVID case, designated personnel will conduct contact tracing.
2. The district will use social distancing, use of masks, table and/or desk dividers as well as the length of the close contact in determining whether an individual is considered a potential close contact. Students and/or staff members will not be deemed in close contact if they were able to social distance (6 feet away and/or less than 15 minutes).
3. Students and parents will be notified by the school that their student is a potential close contact and may be asked to quarantine.
4. **Procedure for Case Where BOTH COVID Positive and Close Contact Were Masked:**
 1. If both the COVID positive individual and the close contact were wearing masks at the time of the identified close contact, the close contact can remain in school under the following conditions:
 - a. Students will be required to wear a mask during school and all activities they are involved in.
 - b. Students will have their temperature taken two times per day and before any extra-curricular activities.
 - c. Students must remain symptom free during the recommended 14 day assigned quarantine period, or they will be excluded until such time they are symptom free for 24 hours without medication.
 - d. Students will socially distance themselves from others during class when and where possible and during lunch.

5. Procedure for Case Where Neither or Only One Student Were Masked:

Students who have been identified as close contacts with a non-familial, COVID positive individual will be required to quarantine for a period of seven (7) calendar days since the date of last contact with the positive individual if neither individual/only one of the individuals was wearing a mask. After the 7th calendar day of quarantine, the student may return to school under the following conditions: the student will be required to wear a mask, the student will be subject to temperature checks twice a day and before any extracurricular activity, and the student has been symptom-free. These conditions will remain for the student through the 14th day.

6. With either of the above procedures, parents/guardians have the option to have their student(s) identified as close contact attend school via distance learning using Google

classroom and Zoom sessions at home through the District's online learning plan for the duration of the recommended 14 day quarantine period.

7. Any student that has been identified as a close contact by the Department of Health due to a person in their household that tests positive for COVID-19 will not be allowed to attend school for 14 days.
8. The DOH determines who is considered a close contact and conducts out of school close contact investigations and recommends who should be quarantined. Out of school close contacts determined by the DOH are required to quarantine.