



## **Exposure Response Protocols, Contact Tracing, and Communications**

### *General Exposure (i.e., Close Contact)*

Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period\* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

\* Individual exposures added together over a 24-hour period (e.g., three 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes). Data are limited, making it difficult to precisely define “close contact;” however, 15 cumulative minutes of exposure at a distance of 6 feet or less can be used as an operational definition for contact investigation. Factors to consider when defining close contact include proximity (closer distance likely increases exposure risk), the duration of exposure (longer exposure time likely increases exposure risk), whether the infected individual has symptoms (the period around onset of symptoms is associated with the highest levels of viral shedding), if the infected person was likely to generate respiratory aerosols (e.g., was coughing, singing, shouting), and other environmental factors (crowding, adequacy of ventilation, whether exposure was indoors or outdoors). Because the general public has not received training on proper selection and use of respiratory PPE, such as an N95, the determination of close contact should generally be made irrespective of whether the contact was wearing respiratory PPE. At this time, differential determination of close contact for those using fabric face coverings is not recommended.

### *Close Contact Exposure (Close Contacts)*

If a student or household member has a known close contact exposure (Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period\* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. (Please note that members of the same household are considered in close contact):

- The student and household members should not come to campus; The student’s family should contact the nurse that serves their academy;
- The support team will interview, contact affected Drew community members, and implement response protocols.
- The affected student’s identity will be protected; The student and household members should stay home for the length of quarantine time recommended by the CDC - currently 14 days. They will need to consult with their doctor, and the nurse will encourage them to be tested;
- The student and household members should monitor for symptoms as recommended by the CDC.

### *Symptomatic*

If a student or household member is symptomatic:

- The student and household members should not come to campus.
- The student’s family should contact the school nurse that serves their academy.
- The Support Team will interview, contact affected Drew community members, and implement response protocols. Protocols could include sending the teacher or other

students home as advised by current DPH protocols. The affected Drew community member's identity will be protected.

- Household members of the symptomatic person should monitor for symptoms and are quarantined from campus activities for 14 days after the last exposure to the symptomatic household member.

The student and household members may return to campus:

- after submitting a doctor's note stating the diagnosis is not a respiratory infection or contagious.

### COVID-Related Symptoms

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

### *Positive Test*

If a student or household member tests positive:

- The student and household members should not come to campus.
- The student's family should contact the school nurse who supports their academy.
- The Support Team will guide the family in determining the Drew community members\* with whom the student has been in contact and the campus locations that were visited. The affected community member's identity will be protected.
- The Support Team will notify community members who have had contact with the affected community member and the appropriate response protocols will be implemented.
- A household member who tested positive should remain home isolated as recommended by the CDC for 10 days since the symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved.
- Household members of the affected person should monitor for symptoms and are quarantined from campus activities for 14-days after the last exposure to the positive household member.

*\*All parents/guardians in the affected classroom/group/etc. will be notified within 24 hours of the school receiving notice of a positive COVID-19 notification.*

### *Student/Teacher Shows Symptoms at School*

- Teacher will radio to the nurse or member of admin team to move student to isolation.
- Student will immediately be isolated in a pre-designated location depending upon the campus.
- Parent/Guardian of affected student will be contacted for immediate pick-up.
- Once student is picked up, parent will consult with pediatrician to determine if testing is necessary.
  - Negative COVID19 test results:
    - Student can return to school after 24 hours of no symptoms without medication and following Drew's existing illness management policy.
  - Positive COVID19 test results:
    - COVID Support Team initiates a list of close contacts of the ill students and communicates the possible exposure to teacher(s)/staff/parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) in the affected group.
    - Exposed areas closed off for up to 24 hours. Cleaning and disinfection of area performed by appropriate staff.
    - Nurse/members of COVID Support Team will work with local and district health officials to assess transmission levels and support contact tracing efforts.
    - Close contacts are notified, advised to stay home (quarantine for 14 days), and to consult with their healthcare provider for evaluation and determination if testing is recommended.
    - Members of the student(s)' household are requested to quarantine for 14 days.
    - Student(s) returns to school after meeting criteria for ending home isolation.

### *COVID Support Team*

Drew's COVID Support Team includes advisory medical professionals and representatives from throughout the organization including our nursing staff, school administrators, and members of the Operations and Human Resources teams. The Support Team is responsible for navigating any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the Drew community.

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