



UPDATE TO OCEANPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTACT TRACING AND QUARANTINE PROCEDURES – Final Draft (Published 4/14/2021):

Seating Charts and Measurement for Close Contacts of Cases Positive for COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2:

Teachers are routinely required to keep accurate seating charts for their students and to submit those seating charts to the Main Office Secretary and Principal of each school in Oceanport. Teachers will update seating charts, as needed, throughout the school year for students transferring into or out of each classroom.

Bus drivers are also routinely required to keep accurate seating charts on all school busses, and to share bus seating charts with the Main Office Secretary and Principal of each school.

When a positive case of COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2 is reported to the Maple Place or Wolf Hill School Health Office (regarding staff or student(s)), Principals and School Nurses will begin contact tracing procedures and notifications to families and staff members on the same business day to the greatest extent practicable. School Principals / Acting Principals will immediately notify the Superintendent of Schools if special circumstances prohibit immediate communication to impacted individuals on the same business day.

Principals and School Nurses will refer to both classroom seating charts and bus seating charts to determine the classroom and/or bus locations of staff or student(s) who have tested positive and to identify their "close contacts" within a given classroom or school bus.

In compliance with both CDC and the Monmouth County Department of Health, Oceanport School District continues to define close contacts as being anyone who is within six (6) feet (i.e., 6 feet or less), for more than fifteen (15) minutes, with or without a mask, of any individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, SARS-Cov2.

(Taken from CDC Guidelines as of April 13, 2021:

What counts as close contact?

You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more;

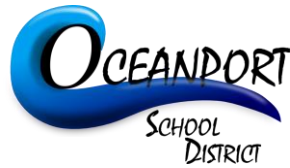
You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19;

You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them);

You shared eating or drinking utensils;

They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you;

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>)



When determining classroom or bus locations of positive staff or student(s) and close contacts within a given classroom or school bus, Principal / Acting Principal will measure a 6-foot distance from the four edges of each student desk to identify staff and student seating located within a 6-foot range of distance. (Staff and students will not be present during measurement to ensure confidentiality of all staff and students.) Likewise, Principals will measure a 6-foot distance between bus seats to identify student seating located within a 6-foot range of distance.

Once positive individuals and close contacts have been identified, the School Principal and School Nurse will contact and confer with the Superintendent of Schools to determine the scope of the episode, and to determine next steps and scope of notification to individuals and to the school community.

Based upon facts given, and on a case by case basis, the Superintendent of Schools will consult with the Board Approved District Physician, the Monmouth County Department of Health, the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, and, if needed, the Board-Approved Attorney of Record for the Oceanport School District to determine scope and liability of COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2 exposure on a case by case basis for the district.

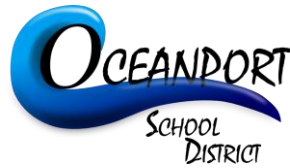
Positively Exposed Individuals Must Quarantine:

The School Nurse will simultaneously contact individuals positive for COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2, as well as anyone who has been identified as a "close contact" of staff or student(s) reported positive for COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2 based upon said measurements and current DOH Guidelines.

The School Nurse will advise individuals who are positive for COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2 and close contacts [to quarantine](#) based upon the following NJ guidance for quarantine:

Length of Quarantine (Per NJ Guidelines):

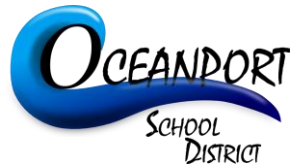
- ***Students and Staff (who are not fully vaccinated) and who have had direct exposure for COVID-19 SARS-CoV-2, or who have traveled may return to school / work after Day 10 of quarantine without testing.***
- ***Students and Staff (who are not fully vaccinated) who have had direct exposure for COVID-19 SARS-CoV-2, or who have traveled may return to school / work after day 7 of quarantine pending a negative PCR test result (PCR test must occur on day 5 or later of the quarantine)***



- Please Note: Individuals no longer need to quarantine or get tested before/after domestic travel if they are **fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 in the past three months.**
- **If an immediate family member of a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2, or is being tested for COVID-19 SARS-CoV-2 due to illness, the individual should stay home (unless fully vaccinated and asymptomatic), until COVID-19 test result is received. If the COVID-19 test result is positive, a 10-day quarantine is recommended for close contacts (unless the individual is fully vaccinated and asymptomatic). If the close contact chooses to test for COVID-19 on Days 5-7 of quarantine, and the test is negative, the close contact can return to school or work on day 8.**
- **Source:**
https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID_updated_quarantine_timeframes.pdf
- Fully Vaccinated is Defined in NJ as Follows:
 - ✓ It has been more than two weeks since you received your second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine;
 - ✓ It has been more than two weeks since you received your first and only dose of the Janssen/Johnson and Johnson vaccine; or,
 - ✓ You have clinically recovered from COVID-19 in the past three months
 - ✓ Please note that for international travel, the federal requirement for testing upon return to the United States still stands for both unvaccinated and fully vaccinated travelers – additional.
 - ✓ Details can be found using the following link: <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey>

After stopping quarantine:

- ***It is still important to monitor for symptoms for up to 14 days after exposure, EVEN WITH a NEGATIVE TEST.***
- ***If you have symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact your healthcare provider.***
- ***Wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet from others, wash your hands, avoid crowds, and take other steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2.***
- ***The School Nurse will develop contact tracing line lists for each positive case of COVID-19 SARS-CoV-2 reported to the school district. Once contact-tracing line lists have been developed, the School Nurse will share those line lists with the Monmouth County Department of Health.***



Those who are NOT Positively Exposed to COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2 DO NOT NEED TO QUARANTINE:

Staff or student(s) who are NOT within six (6) feet of an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2 for more than 15 minutes with or without a mask will NOT be required to quarantine.

Staff or students who have tested positive for COVID-19 SARS-CoV-2 within the last 90 days will NOT be required to quarantine.

Staff members who have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 SARS-CoV-2 will NOT be required to quarantine. (Please note full vaccination does not apply to students. Students under the age of 16 are not recommended by the CDC to be vaccinated).

The School Principal will contact parents of all students who are NOT required to quarantine. The Principal will advise parents that individual(s) have tested positive within a given classroom or school bus, or both, but that their child(ren) are NOT required to quarantine, based upon measured distance within the classroom or bus and CDC guidelines.

Parents will be given the option to allow their non-quarantined child(ren) to continue to attend school in-person or to move to synchronous and virtual instruction based upon individual health needs and personal safety preferences.

Case-by-Case Basis – Staff Members:

The School Principal will also contact all staff involved. If a staff member has been fully vaccinated, the staff member will not be required to quarantine even for exposure, per current NJ guidelines. Fully vaccinated staff members will be permitted to continue to work in-person in the school, classroom and school bus setting.

If a staff member has not been fully vaccinated, has underlying health or other related concerns regarding exposure (even if fully vaccinated), or is a caretaker for a family member with underlying health concerns, the staff member will be given the option to work virtually during the quarantine period and a classroom substitute or monitor will be assigned to ensure the safety of all in-person students during that time frame.



Special Cases:

In some cases, full class or full school quarantine may be unavoidable based upon total positive cases of COVID-19, locations of students and staff within a given school, classroom, or school bus, and based upon out-of-school contacts for those individuals testing positive for COVID-19.

The Oceanport Public School District reserves the right to make this determination based upon the advice and input of medical professionals and local health department.

The School Nurse will develop contact tracing line lists for each positive case of COVID-19 reported to the school district. Once contact-tracing line lists have been developed, the School Nurse will share those line lists with the Monmouth County Department of Health.