

What Does CPS Do When Someone Tests Positive For COVID-19?



Step 1: CPS is notified of a positive case. CPS students and staff who test positive through a rapid at-home test or through a medical provider should report their case to cps.edu/covidresults. If someone tests positive through CPS' weekly in-school testing program, the case is automatically reported to CPS. Visit color.com/readycheckgo-cps to sign up for weekly in-school testing.



Step 2: CPS instructs the positive individual to isolate at home for at least five days. Positive individuals can return to class after five days and must wear a mask until ten days after the positive test or symptom onset. If symptoms persist after five days, continue to isolate until symptoms resolve and wear a mask until ten days after the positive test.



Step 3: CPS' Contact Tracing Team identifies "close contacts" who have been exposed to COVID-19. In elementary school classrooms, anyone who was in a classroom with a positive individual is regarded as a close contact. For high school classrooms, CPS conducts interviews with positive individuals to determine close contacts. In high schools, close contacts are defined as anyone who has been within six feet of the positive individual for 15 minutes or longer.



Step 4: CPS' Contact Tracing Team notifies "close contacts" that they have been exposed. Close contacts can continue to attend school, but must wear a mask for ten days after the last date of exposure. Close contacts are strongly recommended to test for COVID-19 on the next immediate Monday and the next immediate Thursday following exposure.