



WRENSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents / Guardians of Grade 2 Rowland and Grade 6 Mattinen Students:

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), in partnership with the Wrenshall School District, has identified your child, as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Your child had close contact in a 2nd or 6th grade class on April 22nd or 23rd, 2021.

As a close contact, the safest option is for your child to stay home from school and not take part in any activities/sports for 14 days, which is Monday, May 10th. Your child can return on Monday, May 10th as long as they do not develop symptoms during this time and other requirements for ending quarantine are met.

Testing is recommended at least five days after the last time your child was in close contact to the person with COVID-19. If your child gets tested too soon, the test may not be able to detect the virus. However, testing does not shorten the quarantine period, even with a negative test result. Other children living in your home, if not named above, can continue to go to childcare, school, and other community activities as long as they remain symptom free.

If your child starts to have the following symptoms, have them stay home, in one room of the house and away from others right away, and as much as possible.

1. Does your child or any other household member who has symptoms have one or more of these symptoms?
 - Fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
 - Difficulty/ hard time breathing
 - New cough or a cough that has gotten worse
 - New loss of taste or smell
2. Does your child or any other household member who has symptoms have at least two of these symptoms?
 - Sore throat
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Excessive fatigue/ feels very tired
 - New severe headache/ very bad headache
 - New nasal congestion/ stuffy or runny nose

If your child's test result is positive, notify COVID@isd100.org as soon as possible. If your child develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, everyone who lives in the house needs to stay home for at least 14 days. The 14 days start on the day your child is able to stay separated from the child who has symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19. People who cannot stay separated from the child will need to stay home 14 days after the child who is positive finishes their 10-day isolation therefore 24 days or more. Please direct questions to COVID@isd100.org.

The following information may help families:

[Close Contacts and Tracing: COVID-19 \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/close.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/close.html)

[Quarantine Guidance for COVID-19 \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/quarguide.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/quarguide.pdf)

[Home Screening Tool for COVID-19 Symptoms \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/homescreen.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/homescreen.pdf)

[COVID-19 Attendance Guide for Parents and Families](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/attendance.pdf)

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We are sorry for the problems this may cause your family. We want to keep children in school as much as possible and as safe as possible. To stop outbreaks and to keep schools open, we need to do everything we can to stop the community spread of COVID-19.

Employers should be aware that Minnesota state law has employment protections for people in isolation and quarantine for public health purposes. Please notify your employer immediately.

Please know that the entire 2nd grade and Mr. Mattinen's sixth grade will be shifting to full time distance learning. The students will be contacted by their classroom teachers. The distance learning will begin on Monday, April 26-Friday, May 7. Your child can come to school in person again on Monday, May 10, 2021.

Thank you and the teachers will be in touch regarding the distance learning. Your patience and help with this is greatly appreciated!

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