



School COVID Updates:

Our standard operating procedure is to notify everyone when a positive COVID-19 case is confirmed through MESD, *even if your scholar was not a close contact*. Sharing a class does not meet the threshold for being a close contact. We also do not manage outside sports contacts or the notifications with private sports teams. We depend on families to self-report to our office in a timely manner when there is a positive COVID-19 case in the family. When a positive COVID-19 case is reported, the following may prevent a scholar from being identified as needing to quarantine, which is why it's so important that we all continue to be safe:

1. Being fully vaccinated
2. Wearing a mask correctly and consistently
3. Practicing appropriate physical distancing

We understand that families may choose to self-quarantine, even without a recommendation or notification of a close contact. Those absences are also excused absences. We continue to work with both PPS leads and MESD leads to contact trace and exclude any staff members and scholars who may have been considered "close contacts," whether the contact could have been in classes, at lunch, on the bus, or in clubs. Anyone asked to quarantine is advised to stay home for 10 days from the date of the exposure when they are not fully vaccinated. *If fully vaccinated, scholars and staff who are symptom-free are not required to quarantine*. For each reported case, MESD reviews the details of the case and then gives us guidance on those exclusion dates. In addition to assigned classwork to complete remotely, this PPS website has been created with a variety of resources for continued remote learning [here](#), in the case of a recommended quarantine.