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LC Parents and Guardians,

Since the start of the 2020-2021 school year, I have received many questions about the terms associated with COVID-19 from parents, staff, and students. Phrases like “probable case” or “close contact” have highly specific meanings when used in COVID-19 policies, but that meaning is not always clearly explained. Likewise, the procedures that must be followed after a person is tested for COVID-19 can be unclear. Below, I will answer some common questions for you and provide a quick reference guide for COVID-19 terms.

What is a “confirmed case” of COVID-19?

A confirmed case of COVID-19 is when someone is tested for COVID-19 and the result is **positive**. If the person is ill at the time of testing, they will need to be excluded from school for 10 days from the date that he/she started showing symptoms. The person must also have improved symptoms and be fever free for 72 hours before returning to school. If the person is asymptomatic, their 10 day school exclusion will start from the day that they were tested.

What is a “probable case” of COVID-19?

If a person does not wish to be tested for COVID-19 or if test results are pending, a health department can determine that the person is a probable case of COVID-19. To be considered a probable case, the ill person must have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and have had an exposure to another probable or confirmed case. Persons determined as having a probable case will be asked to stay at home for 10 days after the date of symptom onset. They also must have improved symptoms and be fever free for 72 hours before returning to school. If an ill person is labeled as a probable case of COVID-19 and test results come back negative, then the health department may determine that the ill person needs to quarantine at home for 14 days based on if their initial exposure to a confirmed or probable case makes them a “close contact”.

What is a “close contact”?

If a person is determined to have a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19, then anyone who has been within 6 feet of that person for 15 minutes or more in the 48 hours before developing symptoms is considered a **close contact**. If someone who tests positive for COVID-19 is asymptomatic, then close contacts are anyone within 6 feet of the person for 15 minutes or more in the 48 hours prior to the time of testing. The 15 minutes is cumulative, so if you were within 6 feet of an ill person, each minute that you were within 6 feet of them counts toward your 15 minutes of close contact. Close contacts will be identified through contact tracing and mandated to quarantine for 14 days by health department officials.

What is “contact tracing”?

Contact tracing is the process of figuring out **who** was within 6 feet of a person with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more in the 48 hours prior to symptoms developing (or the time of testing in an asymptomatic, confirmed case). Assigned seating helps immensely with contact tracing in the school setting!

Who should stay home from school when a family member is tested for COVID-19?

Generally speaking, it is up to your physician to decide who needs to stay home from school or work while a test is pending. If the ill person can stay away from other family members and use a separate restroom, then your physician may determine that other family members can continue coming to school/work. This is an individual decision made by the physician based on symptoms and home life. If the ill person tests positive for COVID-19, then the health department will determine which close contacts need to quarantine for 14 days.

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