

Richmond Community Schools' 2020-21 Preparedness Plan



Appendix: Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19

Source: Macomb County Health Department (12/9/20 MCHD Revised)

A person who has tested positive for COVID-19 is a confirmed case of COVID-19 if the positive test was a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test and a probable case of COVID-19 if the positive test was an antigen test. A person with symptoms (previously described) and who has had close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 (PCR test or antigen test) is considered a probable case of COVID-19.

School administration (e.g. building administrator) must report any student or staff person with confirmed or probable COVID-19 to the Macomb County Health Department (see Return to School Toolkit, Appendix C, COVID-19 Report Form).

School administration (e.g. Superintendent's Office) must notify school staff and student families on the school website when a student or staff person with confirmed or probable COVID-19 has been identified in a school maintaining the confidentiality of the student or staff person as required by state and federal law. School administration may also choose to provide written notification to school staff and student families. The Macomb County Health Department will provide a letter that may be used for this notification.

The Macomb County Health Department will work with the school to identify close contacts of the student or staff person with confirmed or probable COVID-19 (See Return to School Toolkit, Appendix D, Contact Tracing Form).

A close contact is someone who has been within 6 feet of the student or staff person with confirmed or probable COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic persons, 2 days prior to test specimen collection). The determination of close contact should be made irrespective of the use of face coverings.

Close contacts should be notified and instructed to remain quarantined at home for 10 days after the last contact with the student or staff person. Day zero (0) is the day of last contact and the quarantine period ends at midnight on day 10. The Macomb County Health Department will provide a letter that may be used for this contact notification.

The need to close a school for a period of time because of COVID-19 illness will be determined by the district superintendent on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the Macomb County Health Department.