

In the event that Lee County School System is notified of a COVID-19 positive case:

- Notify the nurse in the affected school
- The nurse will notify school administration and the Nursing Coordinator
- Contact tracing will be performed at the school (may include teachers, administration, paras, and nurses) to identify individuals who were in close contact with the positive person up to 48 hours prior to symptoms/positive test results.
- Those who are deemed to be “Close Contacts” of the positive person will receive a phone call and a letter informing them that they will need to quarantine at home for 14 days from the last exposure to the positive person. This can include exposures from the classroom setting, on the bus, extended day programs, and extracurricular activities.
- The students who are considered “close contacts” will not be penalized for attendance and will be able to work with their teachers to complete assignments online.
- **“Close Contact”** is defined by the CDC as:
 - ❖ You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes
 - ❖ You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
 - ❖ You had direct physical contact with the person (touched, hugged, or kissed them)
 - ❖ You shared eating or drinking utensils
 - ❖ They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you
- We are required to submit the name and contact information for all known positives and close contacts to the Lee County Health Department.
- A general letter will go home to those who share a classroom with the person who tested positive, notifying them of the positive case, and that their child has NOT been identified as a close contact and does not need to quarantine at this time.
- We STRONGLY RECOMMEND the students who have shared a classroom with the positive person to wear a mask at school for at least the following 14 days.