



MITIGATION PLAN FOR COVID-19 STUDENT AND STAFF EXPOSURE

ADVISE STAFF AND FAMILIES OF ISOLATION CRITERIA FOR STUDENTS/STAFF

- Sick staff members or students should not return until they have met CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation.
 - Student(s) or staff may return when symptoms have resolved (at least 24 hours fever free without the use of fever reducing medicine and all other symptoms have improved).



ISOLATE THOSE WHO ARE SICK

- Make sure that staff and families know that the affected person should not come to school, and that they should notify school officials if staff or student(s) become sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case.
- Immediately separate individuals with COVID-19 symptoms (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath) at school. Individuals who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility depending on how severe their symptoms are and follow CDC guidance.
- If unable to immediately go home, move the individual to an isolation room or area to separate anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms.



CLEAN AND DISINFECT

- Close off areas used by a sick person and do not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting.
- Wait at least 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible. Ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products, including storing products securely away from children.



ALLOW FOR CONTACT TRACING

- In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, school officials should notify local health officials, staff, and families of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality.
- Inform those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and self-monitor for symptoms, and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.



POSSIBLE CLOSURE

- In the event a person diagnosed with COVID-19 is determined to have been in the building and poses a risk to the community, GESD schools may consider or be directed to close for a short time (2-5 days) for cleaning and disinfection.
- Where a community is deemed a community with substantial transmission, GESD may anticipate closing and work with local health authorities.
- If administrators learn that a staff member or student has tested positive for COVID-19, GESD will work with our local health department.
- Quarantine periods may extend longer if additional exposures to people with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 occur during quarantine. Groups or cohorts of students and staff may be affected by quarantine periods at various times. In this case GESD may consider moving to distance learning through packets.