

March 10, 2021

Dear Arapahoe Staff and Families:

We are currently working with the Tri-County Health Department as they investigate a positive COVID-19 case at Arapahoe High School. Each instance is evaluated individually, and the best possible plan is developed in order to keep students and staff healthy as much as possible.

In working with Tri-County Health Department, all students and staff who were determined to be in close contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID will be quarantined for 10 days. They are being asked to closely monitor their symptoms and are being instructed to quarantine through March 14. This includes 3 students and 0 staff. ***They have been notified by the school and have been given a letter from Tri-County Health Department regarding the need to quarantine and the steps they should take.***

If you have NOT been contacted, your student was NOT in close contact with the student and your student is NOT quarantined. There is no change to your child(ren)'s schedule and they can continue to attend school as planned.

We ask that all Arapahoe High School students and staff continue to monitor daily for COVID-19 symptoms. If symptoms develop:

- Notify the school.
- Follow these isolation instructions.
- Have your child tested.
- Continue to keep your child home from school and avoid other activities around other people.
- Seek medical care and testing for COVID-19, calling your doctor before you arrive.

If you have further questions, please contact Tri-County Health Department, at 303-220-9200. You can also contact the LPS Director of Student Support Services, Melissa Cooper, 303-347-3472, or the school nurse consultant, Charlotte Brazelton, 720-951-3853. Additional resources are available on the Tri-County Health Department website: <https://www.tchd.org/>.

It's important to remember that legally we cannot share the names of those who test positive; it's also important that we respect and maintain the privacy of our students, staff and families. Rest assured that Tri-County Health and staff at Arapahoe High School are following up with those who need to be informed. Keeping all of our students, staff, and families safe is our highest priority.

District Operations and Maintenance staff are following all Tri-County Health protocols to complete additional deep cleaning procedures. HVAC units will run over night to ensure that outside air is circulating through the affected areas.

Please remind your children of the importance of wearing their mask correctly, remembering to wash their hands, and continuing to physically distance.

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and continued partnership as we all work together to keep our students, staff, and families healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Natalie Pramenko

Principal, Arapahoe High School

Melissa Cooper

Director of Student Support Services

Littleton Public Schools

March 10, 2021

Dear Heritage High School Parents:

We are currently working with the Tri-County Health Department as they investigate and manage a positive COVID-19 case at Heritage High School. Each instance is evaluated individually, and the best possible plan is developed in order to keep students and staff healthy as much as possible.

In working with Tri-County Health Department, all students and staff who were determined to be in close contact with the individual will be quarantined for 10 days. Tri-County Health has determined that your student was in close contact with this student and therefore must quarantine through March 18th. During this period of quarantine, it is critical that you monitor your child for symptoms daily. Please watch for symptoms that include loss of taste or smell, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or feeling feverish, having chills or having a temperature of 100.4 or greater. Additional symptoms to watch for include sore throat, runny nose or congestion, muscle or body aches, and headache. If your child experiences any of these symptoms, please contact the school nurse consultant.

Your child will also move to temporary distance learning through March 18th . If they are not demonstrating symptoms, they are able to return to school on Friday, March 19. Your student is one of 11 students and 2 staff members who need to quarantine. **Please see the attached notification and directions for how to quarantine from Tri-County Health Department.** Please remember that during quarantine, you should stay home and not go to other schools, activities, practices, or places around other people. [Additional instructions about how to quarantine are available here.](#)

Your child may be wondering why they cannot go back to school. It is appropriate to tell them that they need to stay home because someone in their class is sick. It is important to stay home and have school from home in order to keep everyone healthy. [Click here](#) for additional talking points to use with your child.

Your student will participate in distance learning through google classroom beginning **Monday, March 15 through Thursday, March 18.**

We are often asked about the impact of this quarantine on others in your home. Because your child is not sick, family members including parents and siblings do not need to quarantine. However, please monitor family members for symptoms and should symptoms develop, please contact Janet Deutsch, your school nurse consultant, 720-281-7635, or Melissa Cooper, Director of Student Support Services, 303-347-3472. If you have further questions, please contact Tri-County Health Department, at 303-220-9200. Additional resources are available on the Tri-County Health Department website <https://www.tchd.org/>.

It's important to remember that legally we cannot share the names of those who test positive; it's also important that we respect and maintain the privacy of our students, staff and families. Rest assured that Tri-County Health and staff at Heritage High School are following up with those who need to be informed. Keeping all of our students, staff, and families safe is our highest priority.

While your student is quarantined, they will still be connected to learning remotely. Their attendance will be marked with an exempt attendance code, QUAR, indicating that your student is exempt from attending school in person, but that they are still expected to participate in their learning remotely. The attendance office is aware of the quarantine and therefore there is no reason for you to call in your student's absence.

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Please remind your children of the importance of wearing their mask correctly, remembering to wash their hands, and continuing to physically distance.

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and continued partnership as we all work together to keep our students, staff, and families healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Stacey Riendeau

Principal, Heritage High School

Melissa Cooper

Director of Student Support Services, Littleton Public Schools