

September 25, 2020

Dear Parent,

As you know, we are working with the Tri-County Health Department to investigate and manage a positive COVID-19 student case at Wilder Elementary 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. We learned more information that results in additional quarantines.

In working with Tri-County Health, all students and staff who were determined to be in close contact with the student will be quarantined for 14 days. **Based on the additional information and contact tracing, Tri-County Health has determined that your student was in close contact with this student and therefore must quarantine through October 6.** *Please see the attached communication from Tri-County Health regarding the quarantine and the steps you need to take.* It's important to remember that during quarantine, you child 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.](#)

Additional information will be coming from your student's teachers via their google classroom regarding the remote instruction which is planned to begin on Monday, September 28.

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 school is sick with COVID-19. It is important to stay home and have school from home for the next two weeks 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, September 28 through Tuesday, October 6, 2020.** If your student needs a chromebook in order to access their instruction, please contact the office at 303-347-4750. Your child may return to in-person learning on Wednesday, October 7th. Additional information will be coming from your child's teacher.

Please follow the instructions from Tri-County Health Department (attached) regarding your student's quarantine. [Additional instructions about how to quarantine are available here.](#)

Your student cannot come to school or participate in any extracurricular activities or athletic practices or events during the time of quarantine.

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

TriCounty 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 Wilder Elementary 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 filters will be removed and replaced 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,

Susan Dalton

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