



January 29, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians & Staff,

On December 2, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated their recommendations for quarantine of people exposed to COVID-19 to include options to reduce the quarantine period. The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) provided this guidance based on available information about COVID-19 and is subject to change. DOH provided options to shorten quarantine for contacts of persons with COVID-19, however, DOH notes that **the most protective recommended quarantine period remains at 14 days post exposure.**

Conrad Weiser Area School District’s REVISED Quarantine guidelines following close contact to an individual with COVID- 19:

- **Definition of close contact:** a close contact is anyone who was within 6 feet of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes. An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting 48 hours (or 2 days) before the person had any symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19.
- **Exposure to Non-household member with COVID- 19**
 - The exposed individual **must** stay home & immediately quarantine for a minimum of 10 days. Quarantine may end after Day 10 if **NO** symptoms have been present during the quarantine period, **with continued monitoring for symptoms through day 14.**
- **Exposure to Household member with COVID- 19**
 - The exposed individual **must** stay home & immediately quarantine for a minimum of 10 days *AFTER* the positive household member is released from 10 days of isolation. Stay home & monitor for symptoms, **a total of 20 days, continually monitoring for symptoms through day 24.**
- **A negative COVID -19 test does not shorten the quarantine period.**
- **The Conrad Weiser Area School district will not be adopting the DOH’s option to reduce the quarantine period by less than 10 days due to substantial spread of COVID-19 in our community and county.**

School closure for a period of time is a possibility. Please see the chart below for recommendations for each building. The Conrad Weiser Area School District will work with the PA Department of Health to determine the need/extent of any class, school, or district closure.

	Number of cases of COVID-19 within a rolling 14-day period. (students & staff)	Number of cases of COVID-19 within a rolling 14-day period. (students & staff)
East, West, and Weiser Decisions	2-4 cases; closure for 3-7 days	5+ cases; closure for 14 days
Middle & High School	4-6 cases; closure for 3-7 days	7+ cases; closure for 14 days

Students who are required to quarantine will be able to engage with their teacher using the Learning Management System for their grade until they fulfill the requirements of their isolation or quarantine and can return safely to school.

We are committed to the health, safety, and welfare of our students, staff and community and appreciate your support. Our consultation with the Pennsylvania Department of Health is ongoing, and we will provide you with updates as they become available. If you have questions about this please reach out to your building principal.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent