

USD 270 and Rooks County Health Department will be using the Modified Isolation and Quarantine Requirements set by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in order to provide students and staff with a safe on-site learning environment in the event of a positive case of COVID-19 in a student or staff member.

The Rooks County Health Department is notified of all positive case of COVID-19 in the county. Once the Health Department is notified of a positive case, they are required to call all of the close contacts to the positive case.

A close contact is someone who has been within 6 feet of a case for 10 minutes or more or had direct contact with bodily secretions (for example, being coughed or sneezed on). Any students or staff that maintained a 6-foot distance from the positive case would not be considered close contacts and would therefore not be subject to the 14-day quarantine period.

The time period for close contact tracing includes any day(s) the positive student or staff attended school and the preceding 48 hours prior to symptom onset (symptomatic cases) or the preceding 48 hours prior to sample collection (asymptomatic cases). Below is an explanation of the Modified Isolation and Quarantine Requirements:

The Modified Isolation and Quarantine Requirements specifically address requirements around maintaining continuity of learning in the situation where all students and staff in a classroom are exposed to COVID-19; namely the modified quarantine requirements for close contacts of a case. What this modified quarantine allows is the ability for all students and staff in the exposed classroom to continue physically attending school during their quarantine period. This guide includes some specific engineering and administrative controls that must be in place before the modified quarantine of close contacts is allowed.

Modified Quarantine Requirements:

These modified quarantine requirements are contingent on the close contacts of a case remaining asymptomatic. Students and staff who have had an exposure but remain asymptomatic should adhere to the following practices prior to and during the school day:

- Arrival and dismissal times: Students and staff on modified quarantine must arrive and leave school on a staggered schedule without interacting with the general school population.
- Pre-screen: School administrators should measure the quarantined student and staff temperatures and assess symptoms prior to the start of the school day. Ideally, temperature checks should happen before the individual enters the school building.
- Medical check-in: If the quarantined student or staff becomes sick during the day, they should be sent home immediately. Surfaces in their workspace should be cleaned and disinfected. Anyone who develops illness compatible with COVID-19 during the quarantine period should notify the school administration.
- Wear a mask: The quarantined students and staff should wear a face mask/face covering at all times while in the school.
- Physical separation: The quarantined students and staff should be physically separated from the general school population. All activities, including mealtimes and classes like art and music, should take place within the classroom.
- Bathrooms: The quarantined students and staff must have their own designated bathroom or, if feasible, common bathrooms must be cleaned after a quarantined student or staff have used them.
- School activities: Quarantined students and staff should not participate in any activities that involve interaction with non-quarantined students and staff. This includes before and after school care and all school-related activities.

We currently have a classroom in one of our buildings that we are using the modified Isolation and Quarantine on, due to an exposure from COVID-19. The Rooks County Health Department has contacted all of the direct contacts to the positive case, all staff related to the case, and parents of the students in the specific classroom.

