

MPP COVID Quarantine Info & FAQs

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In an effort to keep MPP as safe and healthy as possible for your child, your family, and our staff, we will limit visitors inside our halls except for specific instances communicated by the director.

Student and staff quarantine protocol is outlined below. We feel it is our duty to do our best to collaborate with our community to minimize the opportunity of any COVID variant to spread. We definitely understand that quarantining, while not enjoyable, is an effective strategy to prevent spread of the virus.

MPP will continue to follow health practices found in our COVID policy. A copy has been sent home/emailed and may also be found at www.mandarinpres.com/preschool. Click on the “About MPP” tab and follow the text to the bottom of the page where you will see a link to the COVID policy.

QUARANTINE applies to those who are exposed and involves staying home from school, work, or other activities when a person is a close contact to someone with COVID-19. Quarantine separates and restricts movement of those who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become symptomatic.

ISOLATION separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD (OR A FAMILY MEMBER) TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

1. Notify MPP’s Director @ 680-6406 or mhenderson@mandarinpres.com about the positive result. The Director will let your child’s teacher know about the case.
2. We realize it is impossible for a parent to ISOLATE from a sick child. However, to the best of your ability, your child should isolate at home away from healthy family members. When possible, this includes using separate bedroom/bathroom away from others, wearing a mask, and staying at least six feet away.

QUARANTINE PERIOD PROTOCOLS FOR POSITIVE STUDENT OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

Since our students are so young and must be cared for by adults in the home, they cannot truly isolate.

Students who have received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 should not attend school until:

- 5 days have passed since the onset of symptoms or positive result if asymptomatic. (Day 1 is the day following onset of symptoms. For example, if symptoms began Sept. 1. For counting purposes, Day 1 = Sept. 2. Day 5 = Sept 6), **and**
- the student has had no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, **and**
- the student's other symptoms are improving.

Students living in a home with a COVID positive family member should:

- Quarantine (stay home) for 5 days, **and**
- Separate as much as possible from the positive family member, **and**
- Have a parent monitoring the health of the child

QUARANTINE PERIOD PROTOCOL FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CLOSE CONTACTS TO A COVID POSITIVE INDIVIDUAL

- If signs or symptoms of COVID develop at any point, you should contact your pediatrician and your student should follow guidelines above for positive students
- If your student remains symptom-free, he or she may return to school on day 6 (see above).

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QUARANTINE Frequently Asksed Questions (FAQs)

What makes someone a close contact?

You are a close contact of a COVID-19 positive individual if, from 48 hours before their symptoms began, the person with COVID-19:

- Lived in your home or stayed overnight with you
- Took care of you or you took care of them
- Exposed you to their body fluids or secretions (e.g., coughed or sneezed on you)

If my child is considered a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, must I be tested?

No, you are not required to be tested. If during the 5 days, your child develops symptoms you should contact your pediatrician regarding testing.

Will anyone else in my home need to quarantine at this time?

As long as your child does not develop symptoms, no one else in the household is required to quarantine. Household members would be considered “contacts of a contact” and there are no CDC recommendations, as you are twice removed from the positive person.

What if my child is identified as a close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual, but has had COVID-19 within the last 90 days? Will they still need to quarantine?

Check with your pediatrician about the dates of your child’s previous COVID-19 illness. He/she will let you know when your child may return to school. Please be sure to request a note from the doctor stating your child is clear to return.

If Quarantined due to being a close contact, do I have to get my child tested?

Assuming your child remains symptom-free, he or she does not need a negative test to return to school on Day 6 (see Quarantine Period Protocol above). If symptoms begin, you should call your pediatrician to arrange for testing.