

Notification Letter of Confirmed Case in Class

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that an individual in your child's classroom at _____ has tested positive for COVID-19. Anyone identified as a close contact of the diagnosed individual will receive a separate letter detailing their next steps. Only those who were in close contact with the student who tested positive must quarantine. The class will remain open unless another person in the classroom is diagnosed with COVID-19 and public health identifies the source of that person's infection as school. _____ will remain open based upon the quarantine of all known close contacts and appropriate building cleaning/disinfection being completed.

While your child was not specifically identified as a close contact of the positive individual, we encourage you to watch for any symptoms of COVID-19 in your child. Those symptoms could include any of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle or body aches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever of 100.4°F or higher or a sense of having a fever | <input type="checkbox"/> Congestion/runny nose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat | <input type="checkbox"/> Unusual fatigue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chills | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell | |

While many of these symptoms can be seen with other conditions such as allergies, we ask that you seek medical evaluation if you identify any of these symptoms. Loss of taste or smell is very specific to COVID-19 and may be described as food tasting bland, rather than not being able to taste. If your child develops any of these symptoms, please notify your child's school, contact your child's doctor for evaluation/testing, and keep your child home from school.

If your child develops symptoms and you seek medical evaluation and/or testing, you can talk with your doctor about getting your child tested based on the potential exposure in the classroom. If you do not have a provider, you can go to this website for current testing options and locations: <https://www.netchd.org/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-testing/>.

Your child does not have any restrictions with other household members unless your child experiences any COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive COVID-19 test.

Based on this information, you may choose to keep your child home out of an abundance of caution. If you choose to do so, please contact the school so that they can help manage the transition to online instruction for your child.

If you have further questions concerning COVID-19 you can consult your healthcare provider, contact the state Call Center 1.800.525.0127 and press #, or call our office at 509.684.2262. More information can be found on our website at www.netchd.org or at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov>.

Sincerely,



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Health Officer

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health Phone: 509-684-2262 , Fax: 509-684-8506 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pend Oreille County - 605 Highway 20, Newport, WA 99156 |
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