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Notification Letter Student is a Close Contact

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that an individual at your childcare center/school has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Your child was identified as a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19, either by physical proximity or another connection at school. Your child needs to quarantine at home for 14 days after their last exposure to the individual who tested positive, which was . His/her estimated return to school after quarantine would be . This date could change if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

While in quarantine we encourage you to watch for any symptoms of COVID-19. Early identification may limit the risk to other household members. COVID-19 symptoms can include any of the following:

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

If your child develops any of these symptoms, please notify his/her school and contact your child’s doctor for evaluation and testing for COVID-19 infection. Parents often have questions about testing their child after an exposure. Testing is recommended if symptoms are present, but not recommended without symptoms. A negative test does not release a student from quarantine or allow a return to in-person instruction.

If parents want to test their child in the absence of symptoms, we encourage waiting until seven days after exposure. If their child has a negative result; the student will still need to quarantine 14 days from last exposure. This is because it could take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear.

Having your child in quarantine does not require any restrictions with other household members unless your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19. If your child develops symptoms or tests positive, household members should also quarantine and await further instruction from public health.

For more information and additional guidance about your child being exposed:
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/COVIDExposed.pdf>.

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 contact 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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