

12/31/2022

Dear Parents,

We consider the health and safety of our students and staff to be of extreme importance and are working closely with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This letter is to inform you that today, **12/31/2022**, we were notified that a student or staff member who was last in our building on **12/23/2021** has tested positive for COVID-19. In compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and other state privacy laws, we cannot share any additional information about the person.

In accordance with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH), all students who are identified as close contacts with this person will need to quarantine at home for 10 days unless the student receives a negative COVID-19 test between Days 5 and 7 of quarantine and remains asymptomatic. If a negative test is received between Days 5 **12/28/2022** and Day 7 **12/30/2022**, the student may end quarantine and return to school on Day 8 **12/31/2022**. If your child is not tested, they must remain home for the full ten days and may return on **01/03/2022**. Close contact is defined as being within six feet of the person for more than 15 minutes within a 48-hour period.

After ending quarantine, the student must continue to monitor symptoms until 14 days after initial exposure. If at any point during this interval the student develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should self isolate and pursue testing.

If a student is not identified as a close contact, they do not need to quarantine and should report to school. ***In addition, students who are 14 days past their second dose of a two dose vaccination and are asymptomatic do not have to quarantine if exposed to a positive case of COVID-19.***

Quarantine Learning Program:

The District's goal is to ensure the continuity of learning for students during temporary extended absences from school as a result of exposure to COVID-19. Unvaccinated students that are identified as a close contact are required to quarantine and participate in the Quarantine Learning Program to continue with instruction. Students will be expected to log in to Google Classroom or Google Meet daily while quarantining. If students do not

log in to participate in the quarantine learning program during quarantine, the student will be marked with an unexcused absence.

We realize that circumstances related to quarantine will vary considerably from student to student. Therefore, the information below provides a general framework that families can expect should their children need to quarantine. The school principal or designee will communicate with families regarding requirements to quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure consistent with guidance or requirements from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. This includes:

- Students who are identified as close contacts;
- Students who are symptomatic and awaiting a COVID-19 test; and
- Siblings of COVID-19 positive students who are not attending school

Further details regarding instructional support and student expectations during quarantining will be communicated by the school when students are placed in the quarantine learning program.

Please contact the Office of Academic Supports (OAS) with your *questions* about Quarantine Learning Support by email at quarantinelearning@philasd.org.

Meal Boxes for Quarantined Students

Any student required to quarantine per District protocol is eligible to receive one meal box. Parents will be able to pick up meal box(es) the day after the student is quarantined at the locations listed on page 2. Please see below for additional information you will need to pick up the meal box(es).

- Meal Boxes containing five breakfast and five lunch meals will be available for pick-up every day from 9:00-10:00 am and 1:00-2:00 pm.
- Each enrolled student is eligible for one meal box per quarantining period. Parents or guardians must provide student's Full name, Student ID# and school name when picking up the meal box.
- When possible, please keep your student home when picking up meal boxes because the student is in quarantine.

Meal Box Locations for SDP Quarantined Students

| School Name | Address |
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| SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE | 4021 PARKSIDE AVE |
| MOTIVATION @ Turner | 5900 BALTIMORE AVE |
| SAUL | 7100 HENRY AVE |
| CAPA | 901 S. BROAD ST |
| DUCKREY | 1501 W. DIAMOND ST |
| KING, MARTIN LUTHER HS | 6100 STENTON AVE |
| WASHINGTON GEORGE | 10175 BUSTLETON AVE |
| BARRY | 5900 RACE ST |
| HUNTER | 2430 N. FRONT ST |
| KELLY, J.B | 5116 PULASKI AVE |
| FRANKLIN, BENJAMIN ELEMENTARY | 5735 RISING SUN AVE |
| ZIEGLER, WILLIAM | 5935 SAUL ST |

You may be contacted directly by the Philadelphia Department of Public Health and/or the School District to provide further information and assistance. Should you have questions or immediate concerns please call the Philadelphia Health Department's COVID-19 hotline at 215-685-5488.

Our entire school staff are here to support you during this time. Please feel free to contact our school front office if you have questions. In the meantime, please take care and stay safe.

Sincerely,
The School District of Philadelphia