

# **Mill Creek Elementary**

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# POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE FAMILY NOTIFICATION LETTER

## [DATE]

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that an individual at our school has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Safety protocols, as identified by the Snohomish County Health Department, have been put in place to:

- isolate the positive individual
- conduct contact tracing
- quarantine
- clean and disinfect the impacted building spaces

Your child <u>was not</u> specifically identified as a close contact\* of the positive individual. However, we encourage you to watch for any symptoms of COVID-19 in your child.

#### Symptoms could include any of the following:

- Fever of 100.4°F / 38°C or higher
- Cough
- · Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- · New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your child develops any symptoms of COVID-19, please:

- 1. Keep your child home from school and other activities
- 2. E-mail our school's office assistant, Mrs. Natalie Bray, at MCEattendance@everettsd.org regarding your child's absence
- 3. Contact your child's healthcare provider for evaluation and/or testing

Unless you are notified that your child was identified as a close contact of the case in a separate letter, your child's exposure risk for COVID-19 is considered low, and we do not recommend testing unless your child develops symptoms.

Unless your child is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test for COVID-19 infection, there are no restrictions for your child or any other household members.

Find additional COVID-19 information at <a href="https://www.snohd.org/covid">www.snohd.org/covid</a>.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Brenda Fuglevand, Principal bfuglevand@everettsd.org

### \*Close contact: defined:

A close contact is someone who was exposed a person with COVID-19 infection. A close contact is generally defined as someone who was within 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for 15 cumulative minutes or more over a 24-hour period of time during the case's infectious period.

In a K-12 indoor classroom, the close contact definition excludes students who were at least three feet away from an infected student when both students were consistently and correctly wearing face coverings/masks.

The definition of a close contact may vary in some situations (e.g., less time spent in close proximity to an unmasked person who is coughing, direct cough/sneeze spray, or other contact that is more intense like sharing drinks, eating utensils, etc.). The ultimate determination of close contact is made by the local health jurisdiction during its investigation; it may delegate this determination if appropriate.