



Staff Positive Rapid COVID Test at School

Dear Staff Member,

The purpose of this document is to outline next steps for staff who participated in voluntary COVID testing at the school site and tested positive for COVID. Everett Public Schools follows the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) guidelines for the management of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 to protect the safety of our students, families, and staff.

Once you are informed of your positive test:

- Please inform your administrator as you will need to leave the school building immediately.
- The COVID response team or building nurse will follow up with you to determine close contacts for quarantine and to advise on your return date.
- Following the DOH guidelines, you must ISOLATE AT HOME for 10 days from the date of collection of your positive test.
- You MAY NOT return to school or school activities while in isolation.
- Should you develop symptoms that are concerning to you, please contact your medical provider.

When can I return to work?

The COVID response team will help you determine when you will be able to return to the building. In general:

- If you are symptom free, you still need to quarantine. You typically will need to quarantine for 10 days following a positive test if you do not develop symptoms.
- If you do have symptoms, or develop symptoms while in quarantine, you can return to school if:
 - It has been 10 days since the symptom(s) started
 - AND 24-hours after fever is gone (without fever-reducing medication)
 - AND symptoms have improved.

If you would like to contact the COVID response team, please call in order to keep personal health information out of the email system:

- Randi Seaberg, Human Resources 425-385-4104
- Kari Johnson, Nursing Supervisor 425-385-5273
- Kathy Reeves, Communications 425-319-4143

Thank you and we hope for a quick recovery and you and your family stay healthy and well.