



Family message on COVID quarantine November 5, 2021

To: Everett Public Schools' families
From: Ian B. Saltzman
Regarding: Updated COVID quarantine protocol

Good afternoon families,

I hope you are enjoying fall in the Pacific Northwest! And remember this weekend to change your clocks back an hour for the end of daylight-saving time.

In September I sent you a message about COVID quarantine, that we were changing the length of close contact quarantine from 14 days to 10 days as permitted by the Snohomish Health District.

Last week, both the Department of Health and the Snohomish Health District made an additional change we will be implementing Monday, November 8.

Modified Quarantine for Close Contacts

To minimize students' time away from the classroom, Everett Public Schools is adopting the "7-day with negative test quarantine." This means if your student is identified as a close contact at school, they will be required to quarantine for 7 days after the last contact date with the positive individual. Quarantine can end after 7 full days if no symptoms have developed and after receiving a negative test result. The test should occur no sooner than on or after day 5 post-exposure. You will need to continue monitoring for symptoms until day 14. Negative test results may come from a health care provider, local health jurisdiction, a pharmacy, or other community-based test sites. Proof of a negative COVID test includes the original, a copy, or a photo of a document or other communication from the test provider or laboratory. If your child is vaccinated they do not need to quarantine, just watch for symptoms.

If your child is identified as a close contact you will receive a letter with specifics on how and where to provide the proof of a negative test so they can return on day 7. You still have the option as a parent or guardian to keep your child out on a 10- or 14-day quarantine if you prefer.

We are pleased this step will enable students who are healthy to return to the classroom sooner.

Visit the [COVID webpage](#) for frequently asked questions, our COVID dashboard, and the family COVID handbook. Thank you again for supporting your child's education and for being patient as we adjust to changing health parameters.

Be safe and be well,

Dr. Ian B. Saltzman
Superintendent