

October 13, 2021

Dear Staff and Families of Eddyville Charter School,

Another positive COVID-19 case was reported to us last night. Our nurse has contacted all individuals who may have been considered a contact. As members of the school community, we understand that this might raise concerns alongside a caring response. We are working closely with LCPH and our Health Center to respond to this news, protect the health of our community and maintain education opportunities for the affected individual. Per a recent article in the NewsTimes, we have had “zero to very, very little transmission” of COVID in our local public schools. This means that our mitigation is working!

Each situation calls for different protocols. Here are the steps we are following:

1. Immediately exclude the student from onsite learning, contact family to determine date of first symptoms and positive test result, and refer to the contact tracing log for potential exposure risk of other students or staff. We then communicate exact isolation timeline and return to school dates.
2. Due to indoor classroom mask mandates, students were not without masks during the day except for lunch time, where they are able to keep a six-foot distance. The positive student was not a bus rider the day they were infectious.
3. A deep clean of the classrooms was immediately issued in addition to the routine and frequent cleaning scheduled, we are working closely with LPHA to issue isolation and quarantine orders for those impacted and notifying those who may receive a contact call from Lincoln County Public Health Authorities.
4. Contacted all ECS families via notification letter posted to our school website:
www.eddyvillecharterschool.org.

The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is through vaccinations for those who are eligible, wearing face coverings, physical distancing and to practice good health hygiene habits.

Be sure to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, cover your coughs and sneezes, and avoid contact with people who have signs of illness. Get plenty of rest, exercise, and eat healthy food.

Wearing cloth face coverings reduces the spread of viruses and helps prevent those who have the virus, but do not have symptoms, from passing it to others.

We will keep you updated with any new information as it comes out, while meeting the requirements to honor everyone's right to privacy.

More information can be found on [the Oregon Department of Education's Ready Schools, Safe Learners page](#), [the Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 page](#) and <http://www.eddyvillecharterschool.org/health-center.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Brooks, RN at 541-875-2942 ext. 128.

Sincerely,

Stacy Knudson- Superintendent and Betsy Brooks, RN – School Nurse