

September 8, 2021

Dear Staff and Families of Eddyville Charter School,

Recently, we learned that a person in Eddyville's Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19. As members of the school community, we understand that this might raise concerns alongside a caring response. We are working closely with Lincoln County Public Health and ECS Health Center to respond to this news, protect the health of our community and maintain education opportunities for the affected individual.

Each situation calls for different protocols. In this case, we will follow the following steps:

1. Immediately exclude 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, all students in this cohort were masked all day while learning indoors. This particular cohort was not in outdoor learning during the potential exposure window, either.
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 notify those who may receive a contact call from Lincoln County Public Health Authorities.
4. Public transportation was utilized and students sitting within 6' are being contacted with quarantine instructions.
5. ECS has contacted all ECS families via notification letter, Remind and posting 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 ECS Nurse, Betsy Brooks.

Sincerely,

Stacy Knudson – Superintendent/Principal and Betsy Brooks, RN