

JSD117 COVID TRACKER INFORMATION

DEFINITION OF TERMS:

It is important that everyone understands the difference between **isolation** and **quarantine**, and what qualifies as being in **close contact**.

Isolation: *the separation of a person or group of people known or reasonably believed to be infected with a communicable disease and potentially infectious from those who are not infected to prevent spread of the communicable disease.*

Quarantine: *the separation of a person or group of people reasonably believed to have been exposed to a communicable disease but not yet symptomatic, from others who have not been so exposed, to prevent the possible spread of the communicable disease.*

Close Contact: *someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic clients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.* If indoors, this is assuming both parties are wearing masks. Being indoors without a mask by either party greatly increases the odds of being listed as a close contact. For this definition an “infected person” is defined as someone that has been **isolated** due to a positive test, or determined to be a probable case based on symptoms.

Therefore, a person with a positive test, or showing symptoms that reasonably could be COVID, is placed in **isolation** to prevent the spread. A person that has been exposed to someone with a positive test, or to someone with symptoms that could reasonably be COVID, is determined to have been in **close contact** and is placed in **quarantine** to stop the spread.

Close contact also includes someone who lives in the household with a person showing at least one symptom that could be COVID.

Close contacts are only those people within one degree of separation to an **isolated** individual. A COVID incident does NOT result in the “domino theory” or a “chain reaction.”

If Steve tests positive he will be isolated. If Mike was in **close contact** with Steve, Mike will be quarantined. If Tami has only been in **close contact** with Mike, she will not be **quarantined** unless Mike starts showing symptoms and becomes a new **isolation**. Steve’s positive test does not, itself, cause Tami to be **quarantined** unless she was in **close contact** with Steve. It is important to remember that a **quarantine** does not cause a **quarantine**.

TRACKER LEGEND:

Red numbers indicate an increase from the previous date/time.

Green numbers indicate a reduction from the previous date/time.

Date/Time Total Section:

Time: Since our data collection file is an active, “living” document that is constantly being updated and changing, the specific date and time of the data collection is listed. The time is in military time. (For example, 933 is 9:33 am and 2309 is 11:09 pm).

Total Combined: This is the total number of quarantines and isolations that were active on that date and at the specific time the file was downloaded.

Quarantines Section:

Total: This is the total number of quarantined students or staff that were active on that date and at that time.

In School: This is the number of quarantines due to being in close contact with an isolated individual while at school. The other quarantines are due to being in close contact outside of school.

Building Data: The active quarantines for each entity at that date/time is listed. “Other” includes Crossroads Learning Center, TAP, bus garage, central office, and maintenance.

Isolation/Positives Section:

Total: This is the total number of isolated students or staff that were active on that date and at that time. Isolations consist of those that have either tested positive or are exhibiting symptoms that could reasonably be COVID related.

+: This is the total number of active positive cases. This number is included in the Total column.

+ From School: This is the number of positive cases in which the transmission was likely due to being in close contact with another positive case at school. The other positive cases are due to being in close contact with someone outside of school.

Building Data: The active combined isolations and positives for each entity at that date/time is listed. “Other” includes Crossroads Learning Center, TAP, bus garage, central office, and maintenance.