

Dear Parent or Guardian:

In cooperation with the Fairfax County Health Department, we are sending this health information letter to inform you that an outbreak* of COVID-19 has been identified in your student's team at Chantilly High School. This outbreak will be posted on the [Virginia Department of Health Dashboard](#). Individuals with COVID-19 and those considered to be potential close contacts of the positive case have been paused from in-person instruction and activities, and will be contacted by the Health Department (via phone or email) and appropriately isolated and quarantined from in-person instruction and activities. Additionally, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) has implemented all cleaning and disinfecting protocols as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Fairfax County Health Department. Our school remains open to all other staff students.

Given the number of COVID-19 illnesses occurring in this group, the Health Department is recommending all students on the team be tested for COVID-19. Any student who tests positive should stay home from school, contact their health care provider, and inform the school. For testing resources and frequently asked questions please visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-testing>. Note that if your child is advised to quarantine, a negative test result will not affect their quarantine period.

Parents also should continue to monitor their child's health for [COVID-19 symptoms](#). Children with COVID-19 often have mild, cold-like symptoms, such as fever, runny nose, and cough. Vomiting and diarrhea have also been reported in some children. It is important that children with symptoms of COVID-19 stay home from school and get tested to stop further spread from occurring.

Children with certain underlying medical conditions, such as chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, or weak immune systems, might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Contact your child's health care provider regarding any concerns.

The COVID-19 cases in your child's school and in the community are a reminder how important it is for everyone to take steps to protect themselves and others, whether in school or in public places. Vaccination of students 12 years of age and above is an important tool to protect against COVID-19 and potentially reduce the need for quarantine. Visit <https://www.vaccines.gov> to find locations to receive a vaccination. Recommendations to prevent COVID-19 can be found at [Protect Yourself & Slow the Spread of COVID-19 | Health \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#).

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact your health care provider or the School Public Health Nurse, (Ramissa Aminian at 703-227-3004).

Sincerely,

Scott Poole, PhD

Principal

*A K-12 school outbreak is defined as multiple school-associated COVID-19 cases making up at least 10% of students, teachers, or staff, within a specified core group, or at least three (3) cases within that group, occurring within 14-days of each other and not associated with exposure in another setting outside of school (such as a household). A core group may be a classroom, extracurricular activity, cohort group, before/after school care, etc.

Translations:

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