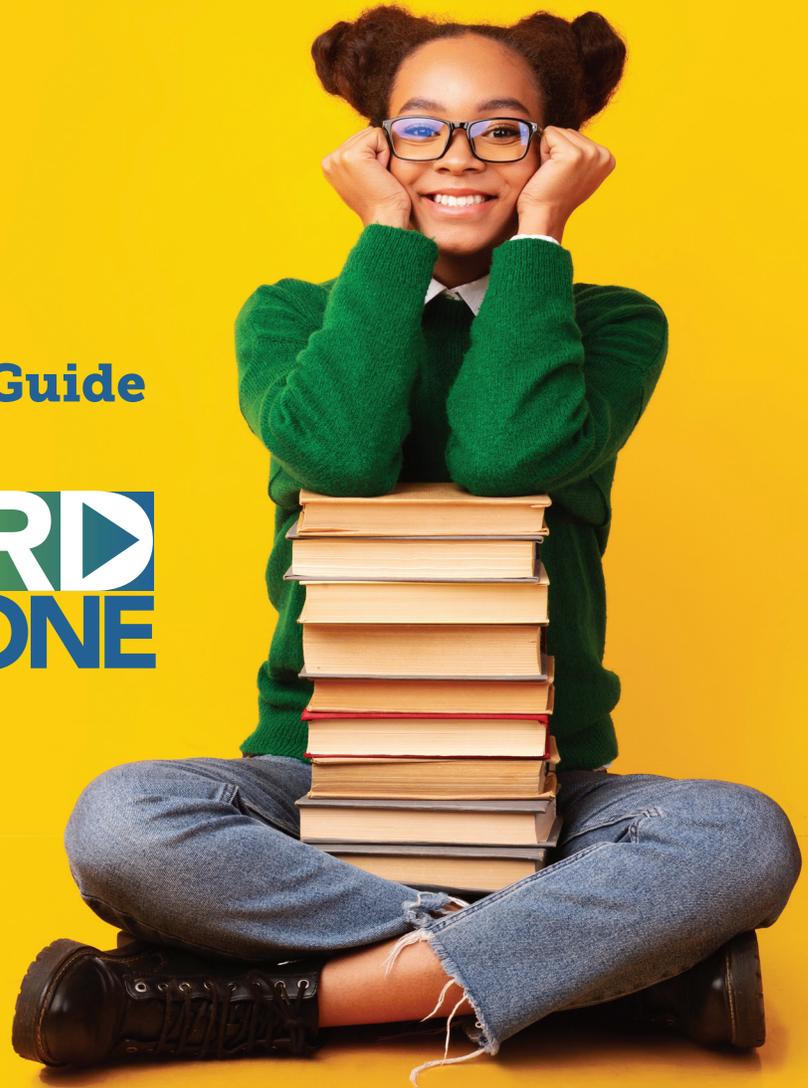


COVID-19 Parent/Guardian Communication Guide



Parents and Guardians,

We know you have questions about what will happen at school if your student tests positive for COVID-19 or is a close contact with another student or staff member who tests positive.

First, know this. When a student or staff member in one of our schools tests positive for COVID-19, we will exclude that person from school and begin contact tracing immediately.

We hope the following detailed explanation helps you understand our contact tracing process, communication methods and quarantine procedures.

Lexington District One must follow the quarantine protocols of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) found at www.scdhec.gov.

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What should a parent/guardian do if their student or another member of their household tests positive for COVID-19?

You will need to fill out this [Google form](#).

What will the district do then?

1. You will receive a telephone call from a school nurse or contact investigator.
2. If your child tested positive, your child will stay at home for at least 10 calendar days.
3. If your child tested positive, his/her school-age brothers, sisters or other students in your home will also stay at home unless they are fully vaccinated.
4. Your child's teacher will follow-up with your child with instructions.

What will the district do if my child had close contact to an individual who tested positive for COVID-19?

1. First, remember that [close contact exposure](#) to the individual with the positive test is the criteria that triggers our process in most situations.
2. If your child was exposed to the individual with the positive test, you will need to fill out this [Google form](#).
3. If your child was exposed at school to someone (staff or student) who tested positive for COVID-19, you will also receive an email that includes more information.

Important Note

1. Keep in mind that due to privacy laws (FERPA and HIPAA), we are unable to share the name or any other identifying information of a student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19.

What happens if the district decides to shift a classroom, grade level or school from face-to-face instruction to e-learning instruction only?

If the district makes a decision to shift a classroom, grade level or school from face-to-face instruction to e-learning instruction, parents/guardians and staff will receive an email notification and other information.

Before we shift an instructional model, we investigate and determine the impact on the classroom, grade level or school.

We want to keep students safe and make the decision that has the least impact on the educational setting.

If we decide to shift, we will attempt to send an email to parents/guardians no later than 6 p.m. This is why keeping your contact information up to date is critically important.

1. We will email you using the email address(es) you provided in PowerSchool and used in SchoolMessenger.
2. Since, in most cases, we use SchoolMessenger to email you, you should make sure you have your information up to date in your SchoolMessenger account. You can use the SchoolMessenger website to check your preferences and information.
3. SchoolMessenger also allows parents/guardians and staff to set their consent state ("yes" or "no") for each telephone number associated with their account.