



# Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Family,

As Week 2 ends, it is prudent to review important items related to health and safety. We also have received a few questions about procedures should a confirmed case(s) arise in any given school, so this week's update addresses this area. Thank you for all you are doing to support health and safety. The pandemic connects us all in many ways. We ETSD families are one ETSD Family, also in terms of our responsibility to ourselves and each other, interconnected under one town and district roof.

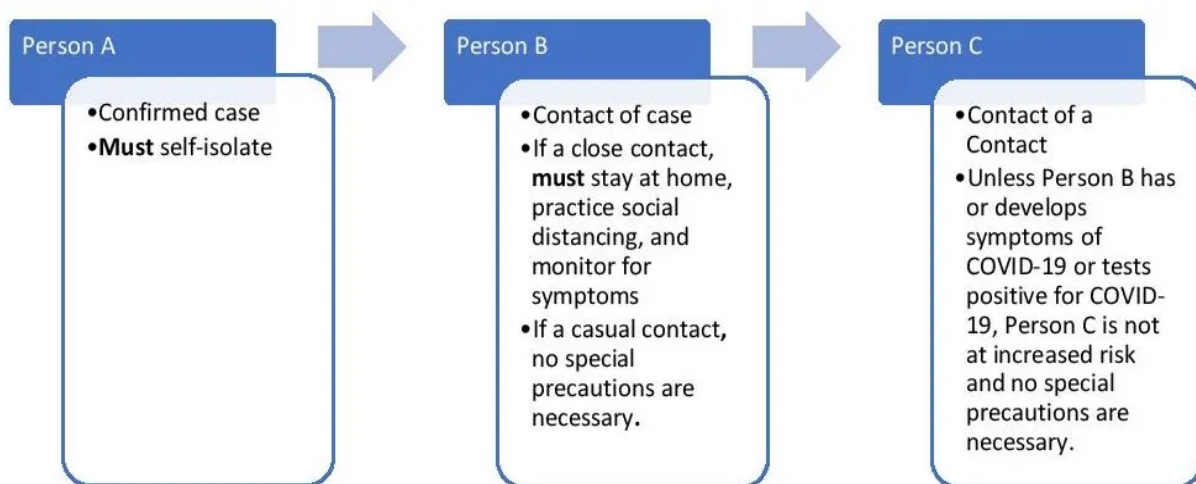
## Daily Attestation

Just a friendly reminder to please continue monitoring your children for symptoms and temperature. This [ETSD Student Health Assurance Form](#) each family completed as a Genesis Back to School form lists the symptoms. We staff have completed the staff version of this form, and are monitoring our symptoms the same way. Another reminder, the temperature of every student and staff member in our schools is checked daily. Please continue to be vigilant and, if your child is exhibiting any symptoms or feels sick in any way, he/she should stay home and participate remotely if possible.

## Procedure for Confirmed Case in School

The principal will notify all students, staff, and parents that a COVID case has been confirmed in the school. Anyone identified through contact tracing as being in "close contact" with the confirmed COVID case will receive a separate, additional notification. "Close contacts" are people who were within 6 feet of a confirmed case for 10 minutes or more. All "close contacts" will be directed to stay home for 14 days from the date of exposure. More information can be found here:

[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID\\_test-result-ig-timetable.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID_test-result-ig-timetable.pdf)





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## School Closure

Closure is a local decision made by school administrators in consultation with the Burlington County Department of Health. While it is not possible to account for every possibility, the following scenarios inform the closure decision. The chart below can be found on page 15 of this resource [New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools](#). Our COVID response protocols (e.g. illness when at school) are based on this NJDOH resource.

SCENARIO	CLOSURE
1 confirmed case in the school	School remains open*; students and staff in close contact with positive case are excluded from school for 14 days.
2 or more cases in the same classroom (outbreak limited to one cohort)	School remains open*; students and staff in close contact with positive case are excluded from school for 14 days. Recommendations for whether the entire classroom would be considered exposed will be based on public health investigation.
2 or more cases within 14 days, but are linked to an exposure outside the school setting (e.g. in same household, exposed at the same event outside of school)	School remains open*; students and staff in close contact with positive cases are excluded from school for 14 days.
2 or more cases within 14 days, linked together by some activity in school, but who are in different classrooms (outbreak involving multiple cohorts)	Recommendations for whether school closure is indicated will be based on investigation by local health department.
A significant community outbreak is occurring or has recently occurred (e.g., large event or large local employer) and is impacting multiple staff, students, and families served by the school community	Consider closing school for 14 days, based on investigation by local health department.
2 or more cases are identified within 14 days that occur across multiple classrooms and a clear connection between cases cannot be easily identified (outbreak involving multiple cohorts)	Close school for 14 days.
Very high risk of community transmission (refer to <a href="#">COVID-19 Regional Risk Level Matrix</a> )	Close school until COVID-19 transmission decreases.

\* Note: A temporary closure may also be considered for a period of 2-5 days if a student or staff member attended school while potentially infectious, before being confirmed as having COVID-19. This short-term dismissal allows time for local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school and perform contact tracing.

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith  
Superintendent of Schools