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CONTACT TRACING AND QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

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Effective for the start of the 2021-2022 school year until further notice, Cambria Heights School District will follow the contact tracing and quarantine guidelines listed below, as established by the CDC and adopted by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH). *Please note that these guidelines are subject to change.*

Contact Tracing, Isolation, and Quarantine

- Schools should continue to work with DOH or county or municipal health departments (CMHD) to complete contact tracing for individuals diagnosed or exposed to COVID-19. As part of the contact tracing process, DOH and CMHDs will continue to work with schools to gather information about potential close contacts.
- The CDC guidance adds the following exception to the definition of close contact:
 - In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where:
 - both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting face masks; and
 - other K-12 school prevention strategies (such as universal and correct mask use, physical distancing, increased ventilation) were in place in the K-12 school setting.
 - This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education,
<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/CDCGuidanceInformation/Pages/default.aspx> (accessed 8/25/2021).

When a student or staff member is determined to have been a **Close Contact** of a person who tests positive for CoVid-19, the Cambria Heights School District will follow the quarantine protocol outlined below.

- **If the close contact is fully vaccinated**
 - he or she does not need to quarantine, but should wear a mask indoors for 14 days **or** until receiving a negative test result 2-5 days after the close contact.
 - *If the close contact develops symptoms or tests positive*, he or she should isolate.

 - **If the close contact is not fully vaccinated**
 - he or she must quarantine for 10 days.
 - his or her quarantine may end after 7 days with a negative test result received no earlier than 5 days after exposure.

 - **If the close contact has been CoVid-19 positive in the past three months**
 - he or she does not have to quarantine unless experiencing symptoms.
- If a student is determined to have been a close contact in school, his or her parents will be notified by a school employee or directly from the Department of Health of the need to quarantine. *If the close contact occurs outside of school or a school activity, the Department of Health will conduct the contact tracing.*
- Students who are quarantined should complete their assignments in Google Classroom or other formats as communicated by their teachers. Students who complete assignments when quarantined will not be marked “absent” for the day.