What Happens When A Case of COVID-19 Is Identified in My Child’s School?

- Different school systems have different policies for how parents and guardians are notified of a COVID case. Contact a representative of your school for the most accurate understanding of how COVID cases and exposures within that school are handled and communicated.

Will the Department of Health Contact Me?

- You may receive a call or text from the Department of Health if your child has been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Refer to the TDH guidance for more details.

What Are the Symptoms of COVID-19?

- Common symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, abdominal pain and loss of smell or taste.
- If your child or anyone else in your family develops these symptoms, contact their medical provider.

Will My Child Get COVID-19?

- While the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 does not cause illness in every person it infects, it is highly contagious.
- If your child is a close contact of someone with COVID-19, your child is at risk of getting sick for up to 14 days from the time of their last exposure to the person with COVID-19. Your child will need to follow TDH guidance for quarantine.

Always Practice Healthy Habits

- Follow all the appropriate social distancing recommendations.
- Avoid being with the elderly and other individuals at high-risk for complications from COVID-19.
- Wear a mask in public settings where other distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces regularly, including your phone.

Learn More:

- [www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov](http://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov)