



Nurse News

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Hello CCS Families,

As you have heard, grades 5, 6, and 7 are distance learning for the upcoming week. These plans were made after lengthy discussions with the Region One Medical Advisor concerning recently confirmed COVID in our school.

A few questions have understandably come up.

- **Why is the sibling of one quarantined sixth grade student attending school in person,, while the sibling of another sixth grade student has to stay home?** The first sixth grader in this example is not COVID+ but did have a significant exposure to a COVID+ person and is therefore a “close contact” and must quarantine. The second sixth grader is COVID+ and his sibling is therefore the close contact and must quarantine at home. OR... that family has simply made the decision to keep all their children at home together.

- **Why can students now attend school while waiting for the results of their COVID tests?**

You have been strongly advised to have your children tested for COVID if they have not been tested in the past five days, and regardless of whether or not they have symptoms. **Assuming they are completely well, they may attend school while test results are pending.** This guidance is different than the previous rule of remaining home until a negative test result is confirmed, because we have advised PCR screening for everyone regardless of symptoms or close contact. **We want to do everything possible to help prevent inadvertent future spread of COVID by asymptomatic individuals in school.** No one wants to be sick, COVID+, or unknowingly spread the virus.

The entire CCS faculty and staff want all students present for in person learning all the time. I will never call you to pick up your child early unless absolutely necessary. I am sure you understand that if they come to me reporting any COVID like symptoms. I will need you to come get them as quickly as possible. I am grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

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p.s. Free local testing Mondays/ Thursdays, 4-7pm: [free-weekly-covid19-testing-returns-kent](#)