

NOTIFICATION OF CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES

September 28, 2021

Dear Pro-Vision Academy Community,

In keeping with The Pro-Vision Academy's (PVA) practices to respond to COVID-19, we are notifying all staff and student families of **2** case(s) involving individuals who were/are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19. Due to privacy requirements, we will not be releasing the names or identifiable information of the individuals.

Campus/Non-Campus Location	# of confirmed cases <u>reported</u> between 9/20/21-9/24/21.	Last date infected individuals were on campus for cases <u>reported</u> between 9/20/21-9/24/21.
Elementary	0	Not applicable
Middle School	1	1 (9/17)
High School	1	1 (9/21)
Non-campus location	0	Not applicable

Students Who Have COVID-19: As provided in the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Rule, school systems must exclude students from attending school in person who are actively sick with COVID-19, who are suspected of being actively sick with COVID-19, or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19.

Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, until the conditions for re-entry are met. See the [DSHS rule](#) for more details, including the conditions for ending the exclusion period and returning to school.

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a "close contact" is defined as *someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.*

- **Exception:** 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](#)) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) [correctly and consistently](#) wore well-fitting [masks](#) the entire time.

This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting. The CDC's initial definition of close contact (i.e. 6 feet of an infected individual) still applies to all adults.

The Pro-Vision Academy is required to notify state and local health departments of all known COVID-19 confirmed cases. PVA will notify any identified close contacts (both students and staff) per the CDC's close contact definition. PVA will also notify the local health department of any identified close contacts.

Close Contact Students: Parents of students who are determined to be close contacts of an individual with COVID-19 may opt to keep their students at home during the recommended stay-at-home period.

Parents who opt to send their children to school in the two weeks following exposure are encouraged to closely monitor their children for symptoms.

The following people with recent exposure may NOT need to quarantine:

- People who have been [fully vaccinated](#)
- People who were [previously diagnosed with COVID-19](#) within the last three months

For individuals who are determined to be close contacts, a 14-day stay-at-home period was previously advised by the CDC based on the incubation period of the virus. The CDC has since updated their guidance, and the stay-at-home period can end for students experiencing no symptoms on Day 10 after close contact exposure, if no subsequent COVID-19 testing is performed. Alternately, students can end the stay-at-home period if they receive a negative result from a PCR acute infection test after the close contact exposure ends.

During the stay-at-home period, the school system may deliver remote instruction consistent with the practice of remote conferencing (temporary online learning) outlined in the proposed Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH). Parents who wish to keep their student at home during the stay-at-home period, must contact the school immediately for further details.

While we do not have reason to believe that those who were not in close contact with the infected individual have reason to be concerned, we ask that you, as always, watch for symptoms of COVID-19. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

If you or any member of the PVA community does begin experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, we encourage you to contact your physician **and** notify us immediately.

It is important to know that the district remains vigilant in implementing safety precautions including disinfecting all common areas and classrooms daily with a CDC approved disinfectant, wearing masks, utilizing hand sanitizer and physical distancing as space allows.

We do believe having students present on campus is the optimal education experience. We are committed to providing a safe academic environment and a quality education experience.

Sincerely,



Janelle James
Superintendent of Schools