



## **CURRENT PROTOCOLS (MARCH 2022)**

### **Remote Learning**

PCDI intends to continue to provide in-person instruction so long as we are able. As of now, full-time in-person instruction will remain in effect for all students.

Remote instruction will be offered to any students who are required to quarantine due to exposure to an individual with COVID, isolate due to a suspected or positive COVID case or are excluded due to COVID-compatible symptoms.

### **Masks**

As of March 7, masks are optional for all students and staff, except in specific situations. Students and staff should arrive to school with masks in the event that one of those situations arise. Disposable masks will also be available to staff and students if needed. Scenarios in which mask wearing is required are: during instructional activities that require staff to be in close proximity to a learner's face/mouth (for staff), during indoor gym activities if peers are within 3 feet, during home/school/community visits, after returning from isolation/quarantine for days 6-10 (for staff), if a staff member/student is a close contact to someone who tested positive for 5 days after last contact (including household contacts), when symptoms are present but do not require isolation, when illness occurs within the school, and during periods of elevated community transmission.

### **Daily Screening**

Staff and families are required to continue monitoring potential symptoms of COVID. There may be symptoms specifically associated with certain variants. In those situations, we may exclude an individual who displays one of these symptoms.

### **Quarantine**

Close contacts of positive cases are required to quarantine for 5 days with a negative test, and 10 days without a negative test. Vaccinated close contacts are not required to quarantine but are required to get tested. Testing should occur



five days after last exposure to the positive case. Regardless of vaccination status, if a close contact develops any symptoms, they will be excluded from PCDI until they procure a negative test.

Beginning February 1, 2022, only individuals who meet the following criteria will not need to quarantine following an exposure:

- Age 12 or older and have received all recommended vaccine doses including boosters
- Age 5-11 years and completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines
- Had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days

### **Testing**

Positive results from any test (i.e., PCR, rapid, or at-home) will be treated as a positive result. For individuals who are displaying symptoms, if a rapid or at-home test is negative, a PCR test is required. For asymptomatic close contacts, a PCR test is required.

Students who test positive for COVID-19 will isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or, if asymptomatic, from the date of the test.

Staff members who test positive for COVID-19 will isolate for 5 days and may return on Day 6 provided their symptoms have mostly resolved.

### **Home, School, and Community Programming (with parents)**

In-person home, school, and community visits are now allowed. Masks are required of staff and family members during all visits, in the home, school, and community. Parents are required to transport their children to and from any community programming location. Virtual home programming will continue to be available. Families are encouraged to opt for that alternative when appropriate.

### **Community Programming (without parents)**

Community programming is now allowed. Masks are required for staff and students. PCDI staff may transport students to community settings that are part of the school day and do not involve parent training.



### **Visitors/Meetings**

Visitors are now permitted at PCDI. Masks will be required for all participants.

### **Events**

Small, module-wide group gatherings are now permitted at PCDI.. As much as possible, we will utilize outdoor space for group gatherings. Outdoor group gatherings of a larger size are permitted. For indoor group gatherings, physical distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible. Masks will be required of all participants if they include visitors.

### **Meals**

Students may remain in their classrooms or may eat lunch in the dining room.. Staff do not need to remain distanced from students but must wear masks. Interaction programs are permitted. Eating outdoors is also an option for students.

### **Group Instruction**

All students participating in indoor group physical education instruction must wear masks for the duration of the session unless they remain 3 feet apart from peers, at a minimum. Masks are not required during other group instruction activities.

### **Staff Gatherings**

In-person staff meetings are permitted. Staff members are permitted to work in the building before and after school hours but may choose to work remotely to complete their work.

Additional spaces at PCDI will be available for staff to eat their lunch. While eating and drinking, staff should maintain physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.



## **The Road Forward Health and Safety Protocols**

### **PCDI – Education Program**

**March 2022**

PCDI is committed to mitigating risk while maximizing the amount of time students and staff can remain in the building safely. The updated policy included below is based upon current State and CDC recommendations to maintain wellness among staff and students and decrease absenteeism to increase opportunities for teaching and learning. Dr. Shawn Pierson from Princeton Nassau Pediatrics has maintained ongoing collaboration with PCDI to ensure the safety of staff and students.

Given the uncertainty, and changing guidelines, PCDI will continue to update these protocols on a regular basis. We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to the protocols set forth herein and/or in any later modified version.

The Department of Education continues to mandate that all students be back for full-time in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year.

#### **GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES**

##### **Communication**

PCDI will remain in close communication with the Lawrence Township Department of Health. This allows for the sharing of information and resources regarding COVID-19 transmission, prevention, and control measures as well as to establish procedures based on current information. NJDOH provides information on COVID-19 transmission at the state and regional levels, which may impact the protocols and procedures in place. This information is posted online every week on the [NJDOH CDS COVID-19](#) website.

Christine Fry remains the PCDI COVID point of contact. In the event of Christine's absence, Amanda Freeman will serve as the COVID point of contact.

##### **Vaccination**

It is strongly encouraged that all employees get vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. As per Department of Education guidelines, all employees of PCDI are required to be fully vaccinated or submit to biweekly COVID testing. While student vaccination is not required at this time, families are encouraged to consider vaccination against COVID-19.



As of 3/17/22, 90% of PCDI's instructional staff and 100% of its administrative staff are vaccinated; 69% of instructional staff have received their booster or have completed their vaccine series within the past 5 months; 65% of eligible students are vaccinated; 50% of eligible students have received their booster or have completed their vaccine series within the past 5 months.

Contractors who regularly work at PCDI (e.g., cleaning crew, repairmen) are also required to be vaccinated or to be tested for COVID-19 if they are in the building during school hours. PCDI will schedule these individuals to be in the building after school hours to the greatest extent possible.

## **Masks**

PCDI follows New Jersey Department of Health and New Jersey Department of Education guidance regarding mask mandates. At this time, masking is optional for staff and students except in the following situations:

- For staff: during instructional activities that require staff to be in close proximity to a learner's face/mouth (e.g., eating non-preferred food, shaving, tooth-brushing, medical/dental program, articulation)
- During an activity that requires students to observe an instructor's mouth, instructors are permitted to wear face shields
- For students: During indoor group gym activities . As much as possible, we will utilize outdoor space and keep individuals distanced during these activities.
- During home programming and school visits, until the state is low for two consecutive weeks
- During community programming, until the state is low for two consecutive weeks (if the setting continues to require mask wearing, that guideline will be followed)
- After returning from isolation or quarantine – students and staff who return to school during days 6-10 of isolation (staff only) or quarantine
- If a staff member or student is a close contact to someone who tested positive, for 10 days after last exposure (including household contacts of positive or probable cases of COVID)
- When illness occurs in school or you are experiencing symptoms that do not require self-isolation, but may increase your likelihood of being contagious (e.g., a lingering cough, allergy symptoms)
- During periods of elevated community transmission – when COVID-19 Activity Level is high or very high



In general, students and staff do not need to wear masks outdoors, including during outdoor physical education classes except during Days 6-10 after completing a 5-day isolation or quarantine.

To further mitigate risk, masks are encouraged in the following scenarios

- For 10 days following potential exposure due to recent travel
- For 10 days following potential exposure due to attendance at a large gathering without masks

You may also consider mask wearing in the following circumstances:

- If you are immunocompromised or live with someone at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness
- If you are concerned about disease transmission, for whatever reason

*Pertaining to Staff.* Staff are required to bring in their face masks for use. Disposable face masks will be available as a spare if needed throughout the day. Staff are responsible for laundering their cloth face masks.

Staff should remain distanced from others to the greatest extent possible while eating or drinking. Staff rooms and the conference room may be available for eating; bistro tables will be available outside. Staff may also choose to eat in their vehicles.

The decision to use additional PPE such as eye protection (e.g., face shield, goggles) and gowns to cover clothing is at the discretion of each staff member. Consideration should be made when a staff member is working with a student who requires high levels of physical contact or who exhibits behavior that increases the risk of being exposed to saliva or bodily fluids.

Gloves will be available in each classroom, and in all common areas (e.g., bathroom, kitchen), and should be worn if a staff member is or may be exposed to saliva or bodily fluids or is assisting a learner with a self-care task (e.g., applying lotion, clipping nails). Disposable PPE (i.e., disposable face masks, gloves), must be placed in the proper receptacle.

*Pertaining to Students.* All students have learned or will continue to learn to wear a face covering to the extent possible, unless the individual is under the age of 2, or has documentation from a doctor indicating that the use of a mask will inhibit his/her health. When possible, students will also be taught to apply and remove face coverings and to appropriately store face coverings. While masking is optional for the most part, this skill will continue to be practiced as there are scenarios in which masking is still required.



For students who are learning to or have already learned to wear a face covering for an extended period, this will be required during the scenarios described above. A student's mask will be removed if it may be causing respiratory distress at any point, such as when a crisis intervention technique is implemented, while the student is engaging in tantrum behavior, or if exposed to extreme heat.

Visitors to PCDI are required to wear masks. Disposable masks are available in the event a visitor does not have one. Visitors are also required to complete a screening questionnaire regarding COVID-19 symptoms and have their temperature taken upon arrival.

### **Physical Distancing and Cohorting**

The CDC recommends a distance of at least 3 feet between students and 6 feet between students and teachers. Physical distancing of 6 feet will be maintained to the greatest extent possible while still allowing instructors to implement necessary teaching procedures for effective intervention.

Structural interventions, including facing desks in the same direction and avoiding grouped seating arrangements, will be implemented to aid in maintaining physical distancing.

Maintaining physical distancing between students is particularly important in situations that may pose greater risk of transmission, including in common areas (e.g., dining room, gym) and during indoor activities that allow for increased exhalation (e.g., singing, exercise).

To the extent possible, students and staff will interact with a limited number of individuals within the school. An exception may be to provide coverage due to a staff absence.

Classroom layouts are modified to ensure appropriate social distancing and to adjust traffic patterns, so students are not passing each other more than is necessary. Desks will face in the same or opposite directions if physical distancing cannot be adhered to, or during group instruction.

Outside of direct intervention, staff may work in the building or may continue to work remotely. Observations by PCDI staff may also be held either in-person or virtually. When observations occur in the classroom, the observer will adhere to physical distancing requirements to the greatest extent possible. Meetings may occur in-person.



## **Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette**

Handwashing or the use of hand sanitizer is required for all staff and students at regular intervals including upon entering the building (initially, or at any point during the day), before and after eating, before and after entering a common area (e.g., gym, lunchroom), after using the bathroom, after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing, when putting on or removing face protection, and when transitioning between students/instructors. Proper hand washing is taught to all students (i.e., washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds).

If it is not feasible to wash hands, the use of hand sanitizer (minimum of 60% alcohol) is permitted. Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom, at the entrance and exits of the building, in each common area, and outside each bathroom.

Students are taught to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into their elbow. Used tissues are thrown in the trash and hand hygiene is performed as outlined above.

Adequate supplies are maintained, including soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, tissues, and no-touch trash cans.

## **Meals**

Students are required to bring their meals and snacks to school each day. While students are eating the following strategies are remain in place:

- Physical distancing is maintained between students to the greatest extent possible while allowing for interactions between them.
- Staff do not need to maintain physical distancing between themselves and students but must remain masked while students are eating. This will allow for interactions between students and staff.
- Alternative dining areas, such as classrooms, may be used to limit the number of students in each space.
- Eating times may be staggered to allow for sufficient physical distancing.
- Sanitization of the area will occur before and after eating.

Depending on COVID-19 rates of transmission as well as guidance from the Department of Education and Department of Health, guidelines during mealtime are subject to change.





## **Transportation**

For students who are transported to and from school by sending district transportation, drivers and passengers are required to follow district guidelines. Currently, masking is optional on buses and vans. Physical distancing should be maximized on buses.

Parents providing transportation to their children are not required to wear masks while in the drop-off/pickup line.

PCDI staff will not transport students to the home or to an activity during which parent training is occurring (e.g., doctor's appointments). PCDI staff may transport students to a community-based activity that takes place during the school day and does not allow for parent participation (e.g., tennis lessons, participation in a transition to a less restrictive setting). PCDI staff and students are required to wear masks during these activities and while in a vehicle together.

## **CLEANING, DISINFECTION, AND AIRFLOW**

### **Cleaning and Disinfection**

A deep cleaning will be conducted by a cleaning crew one time per week. Our cleaning crew will continue to clean and disinfect daily. Extra attention will be paid to the disinfecting of technology, light switches, door handles, etc. Disinfecting supplies approved by the EPA will be used and will be ordered on a regular basis to maintain an adequate inventory.

Staff will be responsible for disinfecting students' instructional areas and classrooms (e.g., desks, chairs, data clipboard, activity schedules, motivational system, technology, door handles, light switches) at the end of each day and after a surface becomes soiled (e.g., a child sneezes on the desk).

The use of shared materials will be minimized to the extent possible. Items that come into contact with students' faces or mouths will not be shared (e.g., headphones).

Each classroom will have an area for cleaning supplies (e.g., sanitization station). Disinfecting solutions will be stored out of reach of students, as directed by the requirements of each individual product, with the exception of when students are learning to safely use these products.

If a student is experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 while at PCDI, his/her classroom will be temporarily closed off and windows will be opened to increase circulation. The area will be thoroughly disinfected, including all frequently touched surfaces (e.g., activity



schedules, instructional materials, motivational systems, desks, chairs, technology) prior to students returning to the room.

### **Airflow**

PCDI is adhering to all requirements pertaining to air circulation. The current recommendation is that a minimum of 10% of air circulated through the HVAC system should be brought in from the outside. Our current HVAC system exceeds that minimum. Air filters are replaced and/or cleaned monthly. Windows may be left open in classrooms and hallways, except in areas accessed by students or staff with related allergies, or if the weather does not permit this.

## **SCREENING, EXCLUSION, AND RESPONSE TO SYMPTOMATIC STUDENTS AND STAFF**

### **Screening**

Parents are required to monitor their children for signs of illness every day as they are the front line for assessing illness in their children. Students who are sick should not attend school. Exclusion criteria will be enforced as specified below.

The school nurse will check all students' temperature within the first hour of their arrival at school. Staff will conduct visual screenings of students throughout the course of the day to identify the presence of these symptoms.

### **Response to Symptomatic Students and Staff**

If a student experiences COVID-19 symptoms while at school, the school nurse will be paged to the classroom. The student will be taken to an isolation area. The school nurse will be provided with additional PPE (i.e., disposable gown, N-95 mask) to serve as an additional measure of protection when in close contact with students.

Students who are experiencing symptoms **must** be picked up from school as soon as possible. We understand that for some families this may pose a problem due to work schedules, or their

distance from PCDI. We ask that parents provide three emergency contacts who can be available to pick up their child if they are unavailable. Staff assigned to supervise students while waiting to be picked up will be provided with PPE (i.e., face mask) and will follow physical distancing guidelines



Staff who are experiencing symptoms **must** leave the building immediately. If their symptoms prevent safe driving (e.g., dizziness, confusion), an emergency contact will be called to pick them up.

## Exclusion

Parents should not send students to school when sick. Students who display the following symptoms will be excluded from school:

- At least **two** of the following symptoms: chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, or runny nose **OR**
- At least **one** of the following symptoms: fever (100.4 or greater), sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of smell, or new loss of taste.

Variants of COVID-19 may be associated with specific symptoms. Because of this, if there is a variant of concern, PCDI may exclude individuals displaying any of these symptoms.

For students with chronic illness for which PCDI has documentation, only new symptoms, or symptoms worse than baseline should be used to fulfill symptom-based exclusion criteria.

Regardless of vaccination status, if a student or staff member experiences COVID-compatible symptoms, they are excluded from school until they are clinically evaluated and tested for COVID-19 or complete the self-isolation requirement. Individuals with COVID-19 compatible symptoms **and no known exposure** to a COVID-19 case in the last 5 days, regardless of vaccination status, may return to school if they are fever-free and have not vomited for 24 hours **only if they have an alternative diagnosis (e.g., strep throat, influenza, worsening of chronic illness) supported by clinical evaluation.**

A positive result from a rapid or home test will be presumed positive. A negative result from a rapid or home test, however, will not be accepted. We encourage individuals with COVID-19 compatible symptoms to contact their healthcare provider or obtain a PCR test at a pharmacy or testing site. A negative result following a positive result does not negate the positive result. All positive tests will result in a period of self-isolation.

## Exclusion Criteria for STAFF MEMBERS With COVID-19 Compatible Symptoms or Who Test Positive for COVID-19

- **STAFF MEMBERS** who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are symptomatic or display COVID-19 symptoms and are awaiting test results must stay home until at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset (day 0 is the first day of symptoms). If symptoms



- resolve (fever-free, and other symptoms improve), isolation can end after 5 full days (i.e., on day 6). If symptoms persist (fever or if other symptoms have not improved), they will continue to isolate until fever-free for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.
- **STAFF MEMBERS** who test positive for COVID-19 but who are asymptomatic, must stay home for at least 5 full days (day 0 is the day of the positive test). If no symptoms develop, isolation can end after 5 full days (i.e., on day 6). If symptoms develop at any time during these 5 days, please contact Christine Fry to discuss any necessary changes to the duration of the isolation period.
- **STAFF MEMBERS** who return prior to 10 days after developing symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test must wear a well-fitting N-95 mask and eat their lunch in a separate area.

### **Exclusion Criteria for STUDENTS With COVID-19 Compatible Symptoms or Who Test Positive for COVID-19**

- Because many of PCDI's students require support during activities in which a medical mask is not worn, such as lunch, the 10-day self-isolation period will remain in effect for students.
- **STUDENTS** who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are symptomatic or display COVID-19 symptoms and are awaiting test results must stay home for 10 days (day 0 is the first day of symptoms). If symptoms persist (fever or if other symptoms have not improved), continue to isolate until fever-free for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.
- **STUDENTS** who test positive for COVID-19 but who are asymptomatic must stay home for at least 10 full days (day 0 is the day of the positive test). If symptoms develop at any time during these 10 days, please contact Christine Fry to discuss any necessary changes to the duration of the isolation period.

### **COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria for Close Contacts Within the Person's Home**

Regardless of vaccination status, individuals who are living with someone who is displaying COVID-compatible symptoms and is considered a probable case (e.g., has a known exposure, has several symptoms) or has tested positive for COVID-19, must contact Christine Fry to determine the best course of action.

If a household member who tests positive for COVID-19 can fully self-isolate from the employee/student, the employee/student:

- Must quarantine for 5 days (day 0 is their last contact with the household member) and be tested using a PCR test on day 5. When the test results are obtained, provided they are negative, and no symptoms have developed the individual may return to school.



- With no test, they must quarantine for 10 days (day 0 is their last contact with the household member).
- Should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following exposure
- If they experience symptoms, they should be clinically evaluated and tested for COVID-19.

If a household member who tests positive for COVID-19 cannot fully self-isolate from the employee/student, the employee/student:

- Must quarantine for 5 days (day 0 is the household member's last day of isolation) and be tested using a PCR test on day 5. When the test results are obtained, provided they are negative, and no symptoms have developed the individual may return to school.
- With no test, they must quarantine for 10 days (day 0 is their last contact with the household member).
- Should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following exposure
- If they experience symptoms, they should be clinically evaluated and tested for COVID-19.
- In this scenario, the minimum quarantine period is 10 days (the first 5 days after the household contact tests positive + a 5-day quarantine)

### **COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria for Close Contacts Outside of the Person's Home**

Exposed close contacts who are fully vaccinated, or who have had COVID within the last 3 months and have no COVID-like symptoms:

- Do not need to quarantine and are not excluded from school following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Should still monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following exposure.
- Testing for COVID-19 is required 5 days following exposure due to the increase in breakthrough cases.
- If they experience symptoms, they should be clinically evaluated and tested for COVID-19 and must self-isolate pending those results.

Beginning February 1, 2022, only individuals who meet the following criteria will not need to quarantine following an exposure:

- Age 12 or older and have received all recommended vaccine doses including boosters
- Age 5-11 years and completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines
- Had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days



Exposed close contacts who do not meet the criteria described above and have no COVID-like symptoms:

- Must quarantine for 5 days and be tested using a PCR test on day 5. When the test results are obtained, provided they are negative, and no symptoms have developed they may return to school
- With no test, they must quarantine for 10 days.
- Should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following exposure
- If they experience symptoms, they should be clinically evaluated and tested for COVID-19.

### **Remote Instruction**

PCDI, along with all public and publicly funded schools, is required to provide 180 days of in-person instruction. If a school is required to close for more than three consecutive days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive and/or recommendation by the health department, days of virtual or remote instruction will count towards the 180-day requirement.

If PCDI is required to exclude a student, group of students, module, or multiple modules based on any of the above COVID-19-related scenarios, while the school remains open for in-person instruction, remote instruction will be offered to those students.

If PCDI, in its entirety, is required to close based on any of the above scenarios, remote instruction will be offered to all students. Because of the potential of returning to remote instruction, parents may be asked to maintain curriculum in their home to allow for an efficient transition to remote instruction.

If a student must participate in remote instruction, a school day shall consist of not less than 4 hours per day, as per N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3. During remote learning, 4 hours of instruction will include a combination of synchronous and asynchronous activities. To be scored present, students must participate in these activities to the greatest extent practicable. For students whose skill sets do not allow them to participate in remote instruction to this extent, we will work with them and their families to gradually increase the duration of instruction they can tolerate. In these situations, PCDI will communicate with sending school districts about the level of remote programming possible to ensure agreement about attendance.

Parents and staff have been surveyed to determine their technology needs. In an on-going basis, they are encouraged to report to us any issues they may be having with technology so



that we may assist them in the event remote instruction resumes. PCDI has devices available for families who require the use of a device to access remote instruction.

At this time, NJDOE has not provided parents with the option of 100% remote instruction for their child. If this changes, PCDI protocols will be updated to reflect that change.

### **Staffing**

When staff absences due to COVID-19 prevent the delivery of adequately-staffed in-person instruction, the following strategies may be used to continue to provide instruction at PCDI:

1. Students who demonstrate criterion levels of engagement during remote instruction will learn remotely from school for a portion of the day with an instructor teaching from home. An in-person instructor will provide supervision during these remote sessions.
2. When appropriate, schedules may be altered such that alternate staff within the Education Program provide instruction to students they may not ordinarily work with.
3. Activities that students engage in more independently will be presented to permit staff to provide instruction to multiple students while maintaining social distancing across students. This may include maintenance sets of instructional materials, leisure, or alternate recreational activities.

If there is not sufficient staffing to provide instruction with the adjustments listed above, a 1:00 dismissal will be put in effect for relevant modules. Our last resort will be shifting a module to remote instruction due to staff absences. Please note that the Department of Health may require us to shift to remote instruction due to the number of positive COVID cases at any point.

### **CONTACT TRACING AND DIAGNOSTIC TESTING**

Staff members who display relevant symptoms must report their symptoms to Christine Fry. Staff should report symptoms experienced *by a student* to the school nurse. If a student begins to develop symptoms outside of the school setting, parents should notify Christine Fry immediately. This allows for contact tracing to occur in a timely manner. Upon a staff member or student displaying symptoms that indicate a probable case of COVID-19, a summary will be completed to record symptoms observed, individuals that have come into contact with that person, and whether testing is required. Any individuals who were in close contact with that person will be alerted, regardless of vaccination status.



PCDI will require testing of staff members and students if they display symptoms consistent with COVID-19 based on the exclusion criteria, or if that individual is deemed high-risk for any other reason, out of concern that they will pose a threat to the health of others. Logs are maintained to record staff members who have contact with each student during the day to assist with contact tracing. Close contact is currently defined as less than six (6) feet away from an individual for a minimum cumulative total of 15 minutes over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset.

Following a positive diagnosis, PCDI will contact the Lawrence Township Department of Health. Additionally, PCDI will alert all staff and families that there has been a positive case within the building. Staff and families of students who have been in direct contact (based on results of contact tracing) will be notified individually, regardless of vaccination status. Christine Fry will communicate this information to close contacts within PCDI (i.e., staff, parents) and will assist the local health department with contact tracing. All individuals who had contact with the diagnosed individual will be required to follow current Department of Health quarantine recommendations. Individuals who are fully vaccinated will not need to quarantine after exposure.

A graph reflecting the number of individuals impacted by COVID-19 is updated weekly and posted on the PCDI website, under the tab for Parent News and Forms.

PCDI *must* maintain the confidentiality of any individual diagnosed with COVID-19. We ask that parents and staff refrain from inquiring about this information, as we will be unable to provide it. We will, however, alert staff and families if there are concerns regarding transmission to you or your child.