



Parras Middle School

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Dear Parras and all RBUSD Families:

Over the past few weeks, you undoubtedly have seen notifications or have been contacted directly in regards to COVID-19 positive cases affecting our campuses. As Los Angeles County experiences a surge in positive cases, we want to take a moment to clearly outline RBUSD's response to every reported case.

When a positive case (either student or staff) is reported, staff conducts a full investigation including contact tracing, to determine those whom LACDPH deems as "close contact." Contact tracing is pivotal, as persons can be contagious 48 hours prior to symptoms/positive test results. According to LACDPH, a person is deemed a close contact under the following conditions:

- Person was within 6 feet of the positive case for more than 15 minutes, even with masking. This may include identified students within the classroom, lunch, athletic teammates, recess, or other personal contact.
- Person was within 6 feet of the positive case without a mask.
- Household members of the positive case.
- Exposures reported outside of school campuses.

Once the exposure list is compiled, school staff work to personally notify, via phone call, each close contact, followed by a detailed exposure letter. COVID positive, symptomatic, and exposed persons must quarantine for no less than 10 days. **An unvaccinated person must self-quarantine away from others and monitor symptoms for 10 days after the last exposure to the infected person.** If students do not have symptoms, they may be released from quarantine at the end of Day 10 (11th day after exposure). **OR**, if s/he produces a **negative molecular COVID test (not an antigen test)**, on day 5, 6 or 7 from exposure date and does not have symptoms, s/he may be released following 7 days of self-quarantine (8th day after exposure) **and** return to school on the next school day.

There are exceptions to mandatory quarantining:

- **Fully vaccinated persons, with no symptoms**, do not have to quarantine. Proof of vaccination required.
- Persons having recovered from laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (Proof from doctor required).

**These individuals should monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure.

**COVID-19 testing performed only with symptoms and/or upon advice of healthcare professional

Finally, the community is notified in writing that the school campus has a COVID-19 positive case and the district [COVID-19 DASHBOARD](#) is updated. If you do not receive a direct phone call or exposure letter, your child is not deemed exposed. In order to expedite contact tracing and investigations, we *highly* recommend that all vaccinated students (12 and up) have a photo/copy of vaccinations cards readily available via cell phone or on their person.

After many months of distance learning, we understand the frustration quarantining students and their families must be feeling at being away from school campus. Our number one priority is to ensure the safety of our students and staff, and that schools remain open and operational. If your child does have to quarantine, please know they will be fully supported and provided with all assignments, as needed. If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to our office and administrative team here at Parras Middle School.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Erickson', written over a light gray rectangular background.

Jonathan Erickson, Ph.D.
Principal
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