




What would happen if there is a confirmed case?

There are specific protocols that will be followed if a student or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19.

If the District is made aware of a confirmed case, we will follow Pennsylvania Department of Health and [CDC guidelines](#) and physician orders regarding safe COVID mitigation and management protocols. Per these guidelines the decision tree below will be utilized for guidance.

Decision Tree for People with COVID-19 Symptoms

Big Spring School District- Student / Staff Decision Matrix

 <p>Tested For people who received a laboratory test of COVID-19.</p>	 <p>Symptomatic For people that have symptoms indicative of COVID-19 as defined by the PA Department of Health and CDC.</p>	 <p>Exposed / Close Contact For people who were with 6' for a total of 15 minutes</p>
<p><u>Positive Test:</u> Stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 24 hours without medication AND improvement of other symptoms</p> <p>Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days (from the first day of recovery of the sick individual).</p> <p><u>Negative Test:</u> No fever for at least 24 hours and symptom improvement</p>	<p>Stay at home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND until no fever for at least 24 hours without medication AND improvement of other symptoms.</p> <p>If seen by a physician and given a negative COVID-19 test result or an alternative diagnosis, the student may return to school if they have no fever for at least 24 hours AND have improvement of other symptoms.</p> <p>Symptomatic individuals may be tested after day 5 of their quarantine and return after day 7 with a negative test.</p> <p>Siblings and staff members do not need to quarantine unless they also have symptoms indicative of COVID-19.</p>	<p>Quarantine for 14 days after last exposure to the person and monitor symptoms.</p> <p>Exposed individuals may be tested after day 5 of their quarantine and return after day 7 with a negative test.</p>

Sources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/index.html>
 PA Department of Health: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/HAN/2020-PAHAN-538-12-4-ALT%20-%20Updated%20Quarantine%20Recommendations%20for%20Persons%20Exposed%20to%20COVID-19.pdf>

[CDC Guidance: "When You Can be Around Others After You Had or Likely Had COVID-19"](#)