



Ranney School 2020-2021 COVID-19 Quarantine Policy

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In an abundance of caution, we will strictly enforce this COVID-19 Quarantine policy as well as our updated Sick Policy. This policy has been developed in partnership with Ranney’s Medical Advisory Board and has been informed through Administrator and Health Office staff training related to COVID-19 Case Response and Contact Tracing, as well as the latest guidelines from the New Jersey Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). We will continue to follow updated CDC, state, and local guidelines regarding safe school opening. This policy is subject to revision. Please visit www.ranneyschool.org/covid-19 for the most up to date version of this policy.

Community Members with any of the following symptoms or circumstances may not attend school in person. If Community Members are found to exhibit any of these symptoms while at school, they will be sent home immediately. (Community Members include students, parents, faculty, staff and administrators).

Symptoms	Circumstances
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperature of 100.4+* • Cough* • Difficulty breathing* • Sore throat* • Severe cold symptoms* • Loss of smell or taste* • Unusual body aches* • Nausea or vomiting* • Diarrhea* • Undiagnosed rash <p><i>* Denotes potential symptom of COVID-19.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 Positive PCR Test • Recent close contact (being within 6 feet for at least 10 minutes) with a person with COVID-19 in the past 14 days • Traveled to an area with high levels of COVID-19 transmission in the last 14 days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NJ Travel Advisory List – International Travel Advisory • Taken fever or symptom-reducing medications to alleviate symptom listed to the left within the last 24-hours

I. If a Community Member Exhibits Potential Symptoms of COVID-19

- **Community Members exhibiting potential [symptoms of COVID-19](#) may not come to campus.**
- If Community Members are found to have these symptoms while at school, they will be sent home immediately.
- If a Community Member exhibits potential symptoms of COVID-19:
 - They must obtain a medical evaluation and diagnosis before they are cleared to return to campus. A medical professional can assess other potential causes of symptoms or advise the individual to get tested for COVID-19 (PCR/molecular tests only).
 - Ranney’s Health Office will:
 - ✓ Proactively reach out to parents/faculty/staff to review symptoms and discuss risk prevalence (e.g. friends or family members who may have similar symptoms).
 - ✓ Continue to reach out to the family/individual to obtain updated information regarding the outcome of the medical evaluation and recommendations regarding COVID-19 testing.
 - ✓ Provide the family/individual with a form to be completed by the family’s physician to obtain clearance for the student to return to school.
 - ✓ Contact tracing will not commence until a Community Member is confirmed or presumed a COVID-19 positive case.

II. If a Community Member Tests Positive for COVID-19

- If a Community Member tests positive for COVID-19, it is critical that the parent of the student, the parent(s) themselves, or the faculty/staff member notify the Health Office, a Division Head, or supervisor immediately.
- As soon as the school learns of a positive COVID-19 case in our community, we will:
 - Contact the Monmouth County Department of Health
 - Collaborate with the Department of Health to trace contacts and notify parents of students, faculty and staff members who may have been exposed due to close or proximate contact*
 - Require that close and proximate contacts* quarantine for 14-days
 - Send a school-wide communication regarding the COVID-19 positive case while maintaining confidentiality of the positive individual

** Close contacts are defined as having been within 6 feet of the COVID-19 positive case for more than 15 minutes. Proximate contacts are defined as having been more than 6 feet apart but in the same room for an extended period.*

III. Return to Campus Protocol for a Community Member Who Tests Positive for COVID-19

- **If a Community Member tests positive for COVID-19, they may not return to campus until they are cleared by a medical professional.**
- [CDC Guidelines for individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19](#) (subject to change) indicate that an individual may be cleared if the individual:
 - Has had no temperature for 24 hours; and
 - Symptoms have been improving for 24 hours; and
 - It has been 10 days or more days since symptoms began (longer in cases of high risk or severe illness)
 - An individual may also be cleared if they have received two negative PCR COVID-19 tests 24 hours apart.
- The Health Office will provide a form to be completed by the attending physician to obtain clearance for the Community Member to return to campus.

IV. If a Community Member Has Been Identified as a Contact with Exposure to COVID-19

- CDC definitions:
 - A “close contact” is someone who was within 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.
 - A “proximate contact” is someone who was socially distanced (more than 6 feet) of a COVID-19 case for an extended period of time (one hour or more).
 - [CDC Guidelines on when to Quarantine](#)
- Contact examples at Ranney:
 - “Close contact” includes family members; friends who have not been social distancing.
 - “Proximate contact” includes individuals with whom the COVID-19 case has had class or activities; friend cohorts.
- If a Community Member is identified as a close or proximate contact and they have no symptoms, they will be required to:
 - Quarantine for 14 days.
 - Take a PCR/molecular test immediately.
 - Repeat the PCR/molecular test at day 10.
 - *While the individual will still have to quarantine for the full 14-day period, testing will rule out the individual as a potential asymptomatic carrier.*

IV. If a Community Member Has Been Identified as a Contact with Exposure to COVID-19 (continued)

- Other information:
 - Quarantined individuals who do not have symptoms of illness will be expected to participate in distance learning.
 - We will defer to Department of Health guidance regarding whether household members of quarantined individuals or entire grades should also quarantine.
 - The Health Office will follow up with quarantined contacts and their families to obtain updated information regarding the outcome COVID-19 testing.

V. Considerations Related to Closing Campus and Return to Distance Learning

- If executive order mandates, we will, of course, need to close campus again.
- The New Jersey Department of Health has released [detailed guidance regarding when the school would be required to close](#). These decisions will be made in close collaboration between Ranney’s COVID Response Team and the Department of Health. Three instances in particular could cause us to make a decision to close:
 - A significant community outbreak is occurring or has recently occurred (e.g., large event or large local employer) and is impacting multiple staff, students, and families served by the school community.
 - 2 or more cases are identified within 14 days that occur across multiple classrooms and a clear connection between cases or to a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 cannot be easily identified (outbreak involving multiple cohorts).
 - Very high risk of community transmission as measured by county and state-wide metrics including COVID-19 Test Positivity and trends in population-adjusted case rates (new daily cases per 100K population).
- Families and students should be prepared to return to distance learning at any time. We must all continue to be flexible and anticipate that plans will have to be amended for the safety of our students and faculty.

VI. If a Faculty Member is Identified as a Contact and Required to Quarantine

- If a faculty member must quarantine and they are asymptomatic, they will be able to teach from home. If students are still on campus (assuming they are not required to quarantine as well), another faculty member or administrator will oversee the classroom while the faculty member teaches remotely.

VII. Travel-Related Quarantine Protocols

- If a Community Member returns from travel to a state or country on New Jersey’s mandatory self-quarantine list, we will require the Community Member to self-quarantine for 14-days before they are able to return to campus.
 - [NJ Travel Advisory List](#)
 - [International Travel Advisory](#)
- Students will be expected to participate in distance learning during the quarantine period if healthy.

Effective communication between the Health Office and home is extremely important to help your child in the event of an illness or injury. Our Health Office will be proactive in reaching out to you in the event your child becomes ill so that we support your child and assess potential risk of COVID-19. Please return calls from the Health Office and the Monmouth County Department of Health and feel free to contact the Health Office directly with details about the Quarantine Policy or questions regarding your child.

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