



HIGHMARK

CHARTER SCHOOL

February 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We would like to share that we have not had much impact from Covid thanks to you for being careful with symptoms and aware of protection. If you have not noticed, we have a Covid Dashboard on our Website. Go to resources>Covid dashboard to look at our numbers and information we have shared with you this year.

Because of new rules and shifts in this Covid year, we would like to clarify a few things.

The health department gives us updates and new guidelines each week that we follow.

- If your student comes into contact with a positive person outside of school, you decide if you want him/her quarantined and tested. We only deal with positive here and contact tracing here at school.
- If a student is positive and is at school, we contact trace according to where that student was at school only. We do not trace other places like parties, games, parks, stores, etc. We work with the health department to do the contact tracing.
- If your student is positive, please let us know immediately. We get confirmation through the health department, but it can be later than we would like. Your student would be quarantined, and we would see if and when they were at school and where we need to contact trace. We need that information quickly so we can trace where the student has been. It is hard to go back a week later and figure it out.
- Contact tracing is usually at lunch, not in the classroom. The new standard is if a student has a mask on and another student is positive with a mask, the one that is not positive does not need to quarantine. Obviously at lunch there is no mask. It is important, as you can see, that students stay in their assigned seats.
- If a student is positive, we check with teachers to make sure masks were on in the classroom at all times. If it is not, we contact trace in the classroom as well as lunch room.

Hopefully, this information will help you and clarify how we handle the positive Covid student.