



NORWALK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

COVID-19 Weekly Update

Dear Norwalk CSD Families,

Included in this document is data from Saturday, April 3, 2021 - Friday, April 9, 2021 for positive COVID-19 student and staff cases in addition to anyone who has been in quarantine due to close contact.

Each time a person in a district facility tests positive for COVID-19, that building's Health Response Team (a group of administrators, school nurses, school counselors, and support staff who assist with consistent implementation of our NCSA Return to Learn Plan) will work with Warren County Health Services to determine next steps.

If a confirmed case of COVID-19 has been reported in your child's classroom or activity, and, through the case investigation, Warren County Health Services determines:

- If your child had close contact with the person who tested positive and needs to quarantine, you will receive the following email notification: [Warren County Health Services COVID Exposure Parent Letter](#) (As a reminder, "close contact" applies to individuals who were within 6 feet of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer starting for 2 days before illness onset or any direct contact as specified by Warren County Health Services including hugs, handshakes, and the sharing of personal belongings. If both parties were correctly wearing masks (gaiters are no longer approved face coverings per CDC and Iowa Department of Health guidelines), the 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer standard does not apply for quarantine purposes.) [See When to Quarantine Chart Here.](#)
- If your child did not have close contact with the person who tested positive and, therefore, does not need to be in quarantine, you will not be contacted.

If the positive case was not in your child's classroom or activity and your child was not a close contact, you will not receive an email.

[We will also provide districtwide case data as well as close contact data on our website.](#) Each Friday, the district will update our data and send an email titled, "Current COVID-19 Case Counts (DATE)."

This week's current COVID-19 Case Counts data is below:

Weekly Norwalk Schools COVID-19 Tracker as of Friday, April 9, 2021 @ 1:31 PM

Warren County COVID-19 Positivity Rate 14-Day Average (as of 4/9/2021)	4.9% <i>(source: Iowa COVID-19 in Iowa)</i>	
	Norwalk Schools Students	Norwalk Schools Staff Members
Confirmed COVID-19 Positive Cases <i>*Total since 8/24/2020</i>	3 new since last report *219 total	0 new since last report *78 total
Close Contacts in Quarantine <i>*Total since 8/24/2020</i>	9 new since last report <i>*1139 total (some students have been released from quarantine and some students who originally were in quarantine due to exposure are now testing positive)</i>	1 new since last report <i>*112 total (some staff members have been released from quarantine)</i>

**Data collection began August 24, 2020. This data is fluid and numbers are subject to change daily.*

At all steps in this process, we will work to balance the privacy of the students and employees in our district with the public health needs of our community. For this reason, we will not be able to provide additional information beyond what is required by public health officials. We appreciate your understanding and the respect we know you will show for the other children and adults in our school community.

Thank you for reviewing this information on the COVID-19 positive case communication process.

Yours in service,

D.T. Magee
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Norwalk Community School District

