

### **Frequently asked questions about Covid protocol in the Bridgewater Emery School:**

1. What would cause a child to be quarantined? If a student has been in close contact (6 feet) for longer than 15 minutes within 48 hours of the individual testing positive showing the first symptom of COVID-19, the student should quarantine for 14 days. The same should be followed while close contact individual is awaiting a COVID-19 test. If the test is negative, the close contact student may return to school immediately providing they have no symptoms.
2. What is a close contact? If your child sits next to someone in any class who tests positive, that is a close contact. We have seating charts for this purpose- to trace close contacts. If your child is on an athletic team with a child who tests positive, that may also be a close contact.
3. If my child was quarantined but tests negative, can they come back to school? No. They must quarantine for 2 weeks per CDC guidelines.
4. If my child is quarantined due to being identified as a close contact to someone at school, do I have to keep my other children at home too? No. Your child was a secondary contact; your other children were likely not. Only the close contacts are quarantined.
5. Is it okay for me to send my quarantined child to a different area or state to live with family members? We support whatever your specific situation is. As long as your student has internet, their textbooks, and their computer, they should be fine. We understand that situations are different for every family.
6. If I do not agree with the quarantine, must I comply? Yes. These protocols are not created by our district. The state health department gives us directives about how to proceed.  
The district will continue to communicate with parents as changes are made and we are learning through this process. Thanks for your support!!