

KIOWA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT & KIOWA COUNTY SCHOOLS COVID-19 2021-2022 PRACTICES

As we prepare to start the 2021-2022 school year, the Kiowa County Health Department and Kiowa County Schools would like to share a little information with all of you in regards to how COVID-19 will be handled this year. There have been changes made at the State level that have required these changes. Please take a few minutes to look over the information so that everyone is familiar with the contents.

EXPOSURE:

- If you are within 6 feet of a laboratory confirmed positive COVID-19 person, regardless of mask status, for 10 or more minutes.

QUARANTINE STATUS:

- Non Vaccinated
 - Quarantined for 10 days starting from the date of the exposure.
 - You could be lab tested with a PCR test on day 6 and then be reinstated on day 8 if the test is negative and you remain symptom free.
- Fully Vaccinated
 - A person is fully vaccinated 14 days after the 2nd dose is administered.
 - You would not have to quarantine if exposed to a positive person , but you are asked to wear a mask and monitor symptoms for 10 days.
- Testing Positive after having the Covid Vaccine
 - Requires a person to quarantine for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.
 - A person must be without any new symptoms for 3 days to be released from quarantine.
- Quarantine status and dates may change if a person in quarantine develops symptoms
- Vaccines are currently available for anyone 12 years and older (***Subject to change**)

NOTIFICATIONS:

- If a student is considered to be a contact, the family will be notified by the Kiowa County Health Department with the specifics of the quarantine.
- Kiowa County Schools will be notified by the Kiowa County Health Department if a student has tested positive.
- Kiowa County Schools will be notified by the Kiowa County Health Department if a student was in contact with a positive person at school or at a school function.
- If a student or staff person is identified as a contact of a positive person, or is a positive person themselves, and the exposure was outside of the school, it is the family's responsibility to contact the school and notify them of the student's quarantine status.
- ***In the event of an off-site COVID-19 contact, parents can give the Kiowa County Health Department permission to share quarantine information with Kiowa County Schools in order to activate distance learning for a quarantined student.***