



SPAULDING YOUTH CENTER

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this update finds you well. As we continue to keep you informed of the many actions we are taking to implement new, proactive safety and health precautions to ensure the wellbeing of those we serve and the staff who support them, we wanted you know we are planning for all scenarios.

As we share this update we hope we won't have to use these processes, but we do have solid plans to deal with the situation of having a staff or student test positive for COVID-19. We have previously communicated the numerous ways we are preventing this, but we must remain vigilant and ready should our efforts not prevail.

All Spaulding staff know they should not come to work if they are ill. Should a staff have symptoms that warrant testing for COVID-19, they will get tested immediately and results will be made available to us if the test is positive. We are obligated to report positive tests, as are their provider/testing source, to the Department of Public Health (DPH) Department of Infectious Diseases and are additionally obligated to report this to other state agencies who license us. We will be assisted by the DPH who will also make decisions about testing staff and children in our program, whether symptomatic or not, to determine if any others test positive or require additional medical support, quarantines etc. Spaulding will also have our professional cleaning service immediately perform additional electrostatic and deep cleaning wherever needed based on positive test results. This electrostatic cleaning is already being done not less than once a week in all buildings, playgrounds and vehicles. Staff who test positive will remain off campus 7-14 days until they are fully symptom free for 72 hours.

Should a student test positive, parents and guardians will be notified and that student will move to our Lambert Cottage which has been vacated in anticipation of its potential use to quarantine any child with this illness. Children will remain quarantined in Lambert until they are fully symptom free for 72 hours, or if asymptomatic, for 7 days from testing (considered onset in this case) plus another 72 hours. Belongings will be gathered by a staff member outfitted in appropriate personal protective equipment and laundered/disinfected before use. Children will not intermingle and Lambert has been physically separated in order to provide a bedroom, bathroom and other spaces for them to relax, have meals, accomplish their academic tasks and if they are not ill, go outside to play. Health Services staff will perform frequent symptom checking such as temperature checks or other appropriate procedures to oversee recovery progression. Should offsite medical attention be required, that will be immediately pursued as soon as is indicated. Once ready to return to their original cottage, the child will do so and prior to, all belongings used while in quarantine will be laundered or disinfected as needed.

While this is a brief summary of the plans, it's still a lot of information to absorb. We hope these plans provide some reassurance that we have carefully developed protocols that, if needed, will be ready to put in place immediately. Importantly, staff continue taking great precautions on and off campus so we'll all get through this healthy and together! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out and we are happy to help. On behalf of all the staff at Spaulding, we hope you, your family and friends continue to be healthy and safe.

The Leadership and Staff at Spaulding