

SUBJECT:

Updates to Fort Campbell COVID-19 Contact Tracing Process for DODEA Schools and CYS

MESSAGE:

Parents, students, and staff of DODEA Schools and CYS Services on Fort Campbell,

Fort Campbell garrison command, public health and medical command partners have changed their approach to the contact tracing process for CYS services and DoDEA schools on Fort Campbell. Effective Monday, February 7th, contract tracing and quarantine for close contacts will be suspended in most situations. We will immediately change our procedures to support the revised public health contact tracing guidelines. The change means that students will likely miss fewer days of school and children in CYS will no longer be unnecessarily quarantined. We are confident we can still provide for the health and safety of all staff and students through strict adherence to daily pre-screening procedures and continued use of key mitigation strategies within our schools and CYS services.

Listed below are the key components of the modified contact tracing process:

1. All families, students and staff are still required to pre-screen every day. If you have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, stay home and contact the school or CYS services.
2. All staff, students and visitors are still required to wear face coverings and schools and CYS will still ensure physical distancing and follow the DODEA COVID-19 Operational Guide.
3. All staff, students and children that receive a positive COVID-19 test will be isolated for 5 days per installation public health current COVID-19 guidance. If a staff member or student tests positive you are required to notify the school and/or CYS services. Children in CYS that are unable to wear a mask will have to quarantine for 10 days
4. Family members of students or parents that test positive are required to isolate for 5 days in accordance with current public health COVID-19 guidance, unless they are fully vaccinated.
5. When a COVID-positive child, student or staff member has been in care, in school or on a school bus, contact tracing and quarantine will not be required for those who were in contact with the COVID-positive individual. School and CYS administration will send an email notification to those that were in the same classroom or area of the positive student or positive staff member and require them to self-monitor for symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Staff and students notified by email will continue coming to school not unless their health condition changes (e.g., staff or student develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19).

We are grateful for the patience and support of all our staff, students, and parents as we continue to work to keep all persons safe and provide excellent instruction for students. We are confident that this change to our contact tracing process will make a substantial difference in reducing the number of school days missed by students and staff, while sustaining a safe and healthy school and CYS environment. As always, if you have any questions, please contact your school administration team.