



Dear ZED ALC Families,

9/12/21

We were notified by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) of a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19 in a person of the ZED ALC program with exposure date(s) on or around 9/10/21. For privacy reasons, we cannot share details about the status of the person. At this time, they have been advised to stay home and away from other people (isolate).

We have worked with MDH and Olmsted County Public Health (OCPH) to identify and notify those who had close contact with the person who has COVID-19. The risk of exposure for other people present in the program on that date is no greater than the risk of contracting the virus in the general community.

If you or your child are not notified that you had close contact with the person, you should still monitor for symptoms of illness, but do not need to stay home unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, stay home, and consult with your health care provider to determine if a medical evaluation is needed.

Some reminders include that ZED continues to **STRONGLY RECOMMEND BUT NOT REQUIRE** masks; however, any unvaccinated individuals are strongly urged to wear masks. Students are exempted from close contact quarantines (assuming they have no symptoms) if they fall into one of the following categories: 1) they are vaccinated, 2) recovered from COVID in the past 90 days, or 3) the entire class is fully masked; individuals exempt from close contact quarantines and return to school are **REQUIRED** to wear a mask for 14 days starting from the date of the close contact.

Here are additional resources:

- [Coronavirus Disease](#)
- [If You Are Sick \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

We are working closely with MDH and OCPH to monitor the situation. Please remember that getting your student vaccinated is the best way to keep students in school. If you have questions, please check with the ZED ALC at 507-775-2083. Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe.

Sincerely,

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