



COVID-19 Communications

Transylvania County Schools Protocol

This **NOTIFICATION PROTOCOL** will be followed once a school is notified of a student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19, and the individual was **recently present in a school building**. Transylvania County Schools follows guidance from the NC Department of Health and Human Services and works in partnership with Transylvania Public Health.



Close contact = An individual that has been less than 6 feet apart for more than 15 minutes from the person identified as being COVID-19 positive during his/her infectious period.

Potential close contact = An individual that was present in a room or on a bus, greater than 6 feet apart and/or for less than 15 minutes from the person identified as being COVID-19 positive, and control measures were met.



Potential close contacts at the individual school will be notified by phone of a positive case. TCS will partner with Transylvania Public Health for contact tracing, and will continue to monitor symptoms of students and staff.



Parents of students identified as close contacts will be notified directly with directions on how to proceed, based on risk of exposure as determined by Transylvania Public Health. Close-contact staff members will be personally notified by school administration.



Students and staff will be sent home when ill, and will continue to learn and work from home. TCS will partner with Transylvania Public Health to provide health and safety information to families.

To ensure you are receiving all **critical notifications**, call your child's school to make sure your contact information is correct in **PowerSchool**.