



## **Continuity of Learning for Quarantined Students**

As Norfolk Public Schools' (NPS) students return to the classroom amid the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, please review the division's Continuity of Learning Plan for Quarantined Students. This plan provides guidance for students who must stay home due to having COVID-19 symptoms or who must stay home due to being quarantined to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As always, the focus should be on the health of our students and staff. If a student has symptoms and does not feel well enough to work, the absences will be excused once documentation is provided. Likewise, work can be completed for full credit after returning to class. If the student feels well enough to work, the student may do so while in quarantine and the student will not be counted as absent. To support learning from home, all students are provided Chromebooks and students who need internet access at home will be supplied with a mobile hot spot.

### **Less Than Half of the Class in Quarantine**

Work will be provided to students through the Canvas Learning Management System for the duration of the students' quarantined period. Feedback will be provided to students on a timely basis once the work is submitted. The student's teacher or a designee at the school will stay in communication with each student and/or parent on a regular basis to provide any needed instruction and learning supports. Students and parents will be made aware of who will be in contact with them once the student is placed on quarantine.

### **Half or More of the Class in Quarantine**

In the event half or more of the students in a class are placed on quarantine, the teacher will provide live instruction concurrently to in-person students and virtual instruction through Zoom for students in quarantine. Students will follow their daily schedule and log in to class through the Zoom link provided within Canvas. Students are expected to be logged in during teacher-led instruction with their cameras on and may log off during independent learning times. Under extenuating circumstances, parents/guardians may contact the teacher in situations where a student's camera may have to be turned off.

### **The whole class in quarantine**

If an entire class is placed in quarantine, the teacher will provide live online instruction during the normal class times. Students are expected to be logged in during teacher-led instruction with their cameras on and may log off during independent learning times. Under extenuating circumstances, parents/guardians may contact the teacher in situations where a student's camera may have to be turned off.



### **Additional Supports**

During the period of quarantine, students will have access to live tutoring sessions via Zoom which are beyond any live instructional support provided by the teacher or designee. Zoom links will be provided to students who request tutoring during the period of quarantine.

### **Special and Gifted Education**

NPS is required to continue to provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) for students with disabilities during quarantine. Student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) will be implemented (along with related services) to the greatest extent possible during any quarantine periods. If staff are unable to deliver outlined IEP services due to student accessibility constraints during quarantine, the school's IEP team will schedule a meeting following the student's return to address a potential need for compensatory services. Additionally, gifted education teachers will reach out to students and parents to discuss the provision of services for extended learning opportunities.

### **Meaningful Interactions**

For student engaged learning to occur, there must be daily meaningful interactions between the student and the teacher while quarantined. Interactions may include the following: two-way engagement between the student and a staff member, engagement in synchronous (real-time) instruction, submission of work required for asynchronous (independent) instruction, attendance during a synchronous (real-time) lesson, communication via email or Zoom conference, etc.

### **Assessments**

When possible, assessments will be administered remotely with reasonable flexibility given on testing dates. This does not include state testing which must be administered in school within a secure environment. Alternative dates and times for state testing may be made available within the state approved testing window.

### **Attendance Procedures**

When less than three students in a class are quarantined, attendance will be taken based on meaningful interactions between each student and the teacher on a daily basis. With half or more of the class in quarantine, attendance will be taken based on attending the in-person class or the on-line synchronous class (only for students in quarantine) being taught concurrently. If a student is not present in-person, asynchronously, or virtually, the student will be marked absent. If the entire class is in quarantine, attendance will be required with a video feed to be counted as present. Students must be online with the camera on to be counted as present.

### **School Events and Activities**

Students who are required to quarantine are not allowed to attend any school events or participate in any extracurricular activities during their quarantine period.