Colleges with a confirmed case

How to characterize the risk to the overall campus community when a college campus has a confirmed case of COVID-19:

The risk to the campus community depends on whether and how long a person with COVID-19 was in close contact with others on campus while ill. Anyone living with, or who has come in close contact with, students or faculty who tested positive for COVID-19 should follow self-quarantine guidelines for 14 days to reduce spread of disease.

If you have been in contact with someone who has had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, but you have not had direct contact with the person who is a confirmed case, you do not need to self-quarantine.

If you are in King County and believe you were exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 contact our King County Novel Coronavirus Call Center: 206-477-3977.

Will contact tracing occur in these settings?

School populations are important and are places where large numbers of people come together. However, as the number of cases continue to increase, Public Health’s resources to do contact tracing are increasingly stretched and we can no longer routinely conducting case or contact investigations for all COVID-19 positive cases.

Our focus will be to reduce transmission among groups who may be more likely to have severe illness such as those in hospitals and long-term facilities or those who
are not able to separate themselves because they live in congregate settings such as in homeless shelters.