

**From:** [John Galt](#)  
**To:** [Eileen Keiffer](#); "[Shane Miller](#)"  
**Cc:** [Bio Park](#); "[Holly Miller](#)"; [Alison Van Gorp](#); [Andrea Larson](#); [David Henderson](#); [Mary Swan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: A Covid case was detected in PK-A  
**Date:** Thursday, January 20, 2022 10:31:48 AM

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Dear Principal Parties:

Based on your input, **I herewith reschedule** the January 21<sup>st</sup> conclusion of **the hearing in APL19-002 to Tuesday, March 29, 2022, starting at 9:30 a.m. via the Zoom** remote hearing platform. Please accept this e-mail as your official notice of the rescheduled date, time, and manner.

Ms. Larson: Will we be able to use the same login and password information as we would have this Friday? If not, please provide updated information not later than March 25<sup>th</sup>. Also, if there are persons other than the recipients of this e-mail who need notice of the rescheduled hearing, please ensure that they receive timely notice.

I hope all will remain healthy and safe as we await the date to conclude this hearing.

Respectfully,

John E. Galt  
Hearing Examiner/Officer  
Mediator  
Voice: (425) 259-3144

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**From:** Eileen Keiffer [mailto:[eileen@madronalaw.com](mailto:eileen@madronalaw.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 20, 2022 10:00 AM  
**To:** John Galt; 'Shane Miller'  
**Cc:** 'Bio Park'; 'Holly Miller'; 'Alison Van Gorp'; Andrea Larson; 'David Henderson'; Mary Swan  
**Subject:** RE: A Covid case was detected in PK-A

Mr. Galt,

The City can be available March 29-31 and would prefer the 29<sup>th</sup> to complete this hearing.

Thank you,

**Eileen M. Keiffer, Member**



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**From:** John Galt <jegalt755@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022 9:07 AM  
**To:** 'Shane Miller' <shane\_miller\_usa@yahoo.com>  
**Cc:** Eileen Keiffer <eileen@madronalaw.com>; 'Bio Park' <Bio.Park@mercergov.org>; 'Holly Miller' <hollymillerus@gmail.com>; 'Alison Van Gorp' <alison.vangorp@mercergov.org>; Andrea Larson <andrea.larson@mercergov.org>; 'David Henderson' <david.henderson@mercergov.org>; Mary Swan <mary.swan@mercergov.org>  
**Subject:** RE: A Covid case was detected in PK-A

All three of Mr. Miller's dates work for me.

City?

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**From:** Shane Miller [[mailto:shane\\_miller\\_usa@yahoo.com](mailto:shane_miller_usa@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022 8:33 AM  
**To:** John Galt  
**Cc:** Eileen Keiffer; Bio Park; Holly Miller; Alison Van Gorp; Andrea Larson; David Henderson; Mary Swan  
**Subject:** Re: A Covid case was detected in PK-A

Dear Mr. Galt,

Thank you for understanding our situation with Covid school quarantine and for sharing your personal experience, which sounds very similar. Also, thank you for considering and agreeing to postpone the hearing date.

Unfortunately, the dates that work for the City's CPD Department (March 8, 9, or 11) will not work for us because our children are on Mercer Island Select basketball teams and have qualified for State Championships in Spokane on March 11-13 and will be traveling and arriving on March 8-9 in order to visit family in Spokane ahead of the tournament start on the 11th.

<https://www.statebasketballchampionship.com/wa-tourney-overview>

The week commencing March 21 is also not good, which brings the next earliest dates that work for us and may work for other parties: March 29, 30 or 31. I'm hopeful one of these dates can work for everyone.

Thank you,

Shane Miller

On Jan 18, 2022, at 2:10 PM, John Galt <[jegalt755@gmail.com](mailto:jegalt755@gmail.com)> wrote:

Thank you.

Mr. Miller: Will one of those dates work for you?

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**From:** Eileen Keiffer [<mailto:eileen@madronalaw.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 1:35 PM  
**To:** John Galt; 'shane miller'  
**Cc:** 'Bio Park'; 'Holly Miller'; Alison Van Gorp; Andrea Larson; David Henderson; Mary Swan; Shane Miller  
**Subject:** RE: A Covid case was detected in PK-A

Mr. Galt,

The City's CPD Department is available on March 8, 9, or 11.

Thank you,

**Eileen M. Keiffer, Member**

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**From:** John Galt <[jegalt755@gmail.com](mailto:jegalt755@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 7:13 PM  
**To:** 'shane miller' <[shane\\_miller\\_usa@yahoo.com](mailto:shane_miller_usa@yahoo.com)>  
**Cc:** 'Bio Park' <[Bio.Park@mercergov.org](mailto:Bio.Park@mercergov.org)>; Eileen Keiffer <[eileen@madronalaw.com](mailto:eileen@madronalaw.com)>; 'Holly Miller' <[hollymillerus@gmail.com](mailto:hollymillerus@gmail.com)>; Alison Van Gorp <[alison.vangorp@mercergov.org](mailto:alison.vangorp@mercergov.org)>; Andrea Larson

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**Subject:** RE: A Covid case was detected in PK-A

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your prompt notification of your son's exposure to COVID-19. I hope your son does not come down with COVID and I hope that neither you nor your wife contract it, either.

I fully understand and sympathize based on my own experience. On November 10 our first grade granddaughter was exposed to COVID on her school bus. She over-nighted with us on the 12<sup>th</sup> and stayed with us from the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. Her school was not notified of the COVID exposure until Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> and alerted parents on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. I picked her up from school that afternoon (she was not allowed on the bus) and took her home. She tested positive on the 17<sup>th</sup> and her father tested positive on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Her entire family caught the virus. Fortunately, none had to be hospitalized. For about the next two weeks my wife and I took food to them, put it on the porch, rang the bell, and left! Fortunately, neither my wife nor I caught the virus.

Therefore, I ex parte postpone our Friday hearing.

As you may recall, I am scheduled to have corneal surgery in early February. Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> was to be my last potential hearing date before the surgery. I do not expect the surgery to be postponed as it will be outpatient at the surgeon's surgi-center, not in a hospital. I will be able to return to hearings the week of February 28. As of now, I am available on March 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 (for starters).

I regret having to postpone the conclusion of our hearing. I hope that both parties will be available on one of the earlier of my available dates.

I respectfully ask all principal parties to advise me of their date preferences not later than this Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully,

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**From:** shane miller [[mailto:shane\\_miller\\_usa@yahoo.com](mailto:shane_miller_usa@yahoo.com)]

**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 4:31 PM

**To:** John Galt  
**Cc:** Bio Park; Eileen Keiffer; Holly Miller  
**Subject:** Fwd: A Covid case was detected in PK-A

Dear Mr. Galt,

I am writing to request rescheduling of the hearing this Friday January 21, 2022 because I have just learned my 5 year old son can no longer attend school this week due to having been traced as a close contact with a classmate of his that has tested positive for Covid-19.

Because of this, I am without childcare all week, including during the scheduled time of the hearing on Friday Jan 21.

Please see below message from the Principal at his school, Mr. Eric Thuau. Note that my son is in the PK-A (pre-kindergarten; A section) class referenced in the email.

Please note that I have just learned about this tracing and associated quarantine impact on our family, and have messaged you and the other party quickly in order to try and provide as much advance notice as possible.

Also, please note that I can be flexible most dates during February for purposes of rescheduling a new hearing date.

Sincerely,  
Shane Miller

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Eric Thuau <[EricT@fasps.org](mailto:EricT@fasps.org)>  
**Date:** January 16, 2022 at 1:33:59 PM PST  
**Subject:** A Covid case was detected in PK-A

Dear PK-A Parents and Faculty,

We are sorry to have to inform you that we received notification that an individual who has been in close contact the entire last week with our PK-A class has tested positive on Saturday 01/15 for covid-19 (the CDC defines a close contact as any individual who has been in the presence of a person or persons with confirmed or suspected covid-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period; additionally, FASPS considers all members of a classroom as close contacts when an individual in that classroom tests positive for covid-19). This individual is in isolation and will be off campus. We wish this individual a quick and event-free recovery.

It is important that we share this information with you quickly so that you can make informed decisions regarding your student's health and wellbeing. According to the CDC, any individual who is not fully vaccinated and who is identified as a close contact should do the following:

- **The close contact needs to quarantine\***. The CDC recommends (and FASPS requires) that close contacts who are not fully vaccinated quarantine **for a total of seven days from the date of last exposure (which in this case would be Friday, January 14)**, making their last day of quarantine Friday, January 21. **A negative PCR test is also required before returning to campus.**
- Since PCR tests are difficult to schedule, we are offering our PK-A class the option of participating in next week's Mirimus testing, in other words, feel free to come to campus during the day on Wednesday (January 19) to pick up your child's testing kit, and please return your child's saliva sample on Thursday, January 20, before 10:00am. We recommend the test being done on Thursday morning before 10:00am.
- The close contact should wear a mask if they must be around others.
- If the close contact develops symptoms, they should isolate and get tested immediately.

\* Whenever a Tiny YPK – PK class is identified as having had close contact with an individual who has tested positive for covid-19, any students in that class who previously tested positive for covid-19 and successfully completed their 10-day isolation period will not be required to stay home for seven days of quarantine; in other words, students who've had covid-19 and completed their isolation periods will be allowed to come to school — as well as attend Garderie and Enrichment classes — as usual if they are identified as close contacts.

Please click here

( <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/COVIDExposed.pdf> ) to read the Washington State Department of Health guidelines on what to do if you have been potentially exposed to someone with covid-19. Please click here ( [https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/contacts\\_of\\_contacts\\_guidance.pdf](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/contacts_of_contacts_guidance.pdf) ) to read the New York State Department of Health's flowchart to help you understand what to do in case of close contact with someone confirmed positive for covid-19.

Your child's teachers will reach out to you to let you know how your students will be supported during their quarantine.

Thank you again for your support and understanding, and again, I am sorry to have to deliver this news to our PK-A families.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eric Thuau

(he/him/his)

Head of School

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