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Greenfield Parents and Community,

At the school board meeting, held November 18, the Greenfield R-IV School Board voted to amend the district’s Covid-19 Re-entry Plan to require all students to be masked while the district is in either the Yellow or Orange Stage of the re-entry plan. This vote took place for the district’s policy to align with new quarantine guidance released by Governor Parson and the Dade County Health Department.

On November 12, Governor Parson announced updated quarantine guidelines from Missouri’s departments of health and education (DHSS and DESE) regarding close contact quarantines during the school day. Under the new guidance, proper use of masks in schools can result in a “modified quarantine” instead of the normal quarantine protocol for school exposures that are identified as close contact.

For the district to take advantage of the updated quarantine guidelines, it is required that all staff and students within the district wear a mask while at school, when proper social distancing is not possible. Under the new guidelines, modified quarantine allows close contact students and staff to continue in-person school during quarantine when it has been determined that both parties were properly masked during the exposure.

Modified quarantine ONLY applies to school hours and any exposure outside the school day will follow normal quarantine procedures in compliance with the Dade County Health Department. Students on modified quarantine are NOT allowed to participate in any after school co-curricular or extra-curricular activities until off quarantine. School bus transportation is included in modified quarantine guidance.

There will still be situations during school hours where modified quarantine cannot be applied. Students and staff will not be required to mask when eating/drinking during breakfast and lunchtime or when drinking from a water bottle in a classroom/ hallway. Students will not be required to be masked when physically active in PE, recess, or during band and choir rehearsal.

It is still important we try to maintain at least 6 feet of distance for no more than 15 accumulated minutes throughout the day to minimize the spread of the virus. Individuals that test positive for COVID-19 will still be required to isolate per health department guidelines.

The Greenfield R-IV Board of Education is committed to providing the best education possible for the students of Greenfield and has voted to follow the recommendations of the Governor and of the Dade County Health Department. By following the new guidelines, the board feels that onsite school closures and large quarantines of students and staff will decrease, allowing for students and staff to focus on education.

If additional questions remain, please feel free to contact the administrative offices with any questions or concerns.

Chris Kell  
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