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Good Afternoon,

As you may have heard the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Ohio Department of Health announced a change in guidance for quarantines to close contact. The Clermont County Public Health Department adopted these guidelines late in the afternoon on Friday, December 4, 2020. The new guidance changes the quarantine period for someone who has been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case to the following:

New CDC/ODH- Close Contact Quarantine reduction guidance:

- **10 days-** No action/testing taken by close contact person = **at least 10 days from the last exposure** with the positive case and symptom free
- **7 days-** Negative test result for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) **from a sample collected on day five or later** after last exposure **AND stay at home for at least seven days after last exposure.**

At this time Felicity Schools are **not** going to adopt/implement the 7day portion of the new guidance. We will, however, change from the old 14 day required quarantine to the new reduced quarantine guideline of 10 days. We are choosing not to adopt the 7day quarantine rule because I believe the multiple expectations and testing requirements add too many layers for families and the school to manage.

We will make personal phone calls to parents with quarantined students to establish new return dates based on the new guidelines. Please do not send your student back to school until you have confirmation from the school district.

I also want to ask families to be very judicious when deciding to send your student(s) to school each day. Please do not send student(s) from your household to school if anyone in your household has any of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste and/or smell

OR

- If you or someone in your household has tested positive for COVID

OR

- If you or someone in your household is waiting on COVID test results.

I know this may be challenging, but we have to work together, and for now, in a very conservative manner, in order to keep our students attending every day.

Please see the CDC/ODH guidelines included.

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Coronavirus Disease 2019

Quarantine Following Possible COVID-19 Exposure

Public health recommendations for COVID-19 continue to evolve and are updated as new scientific evidence becomes available. On Dec. 2, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a [scientific brief](#) with considerations for reducing quarantine for people possibly exposed to COVID-19. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has modified this guidance to meet the specific needs of our state and considerations for local circumstances and resources.

Recommendations for quarantine adapted by ODH support efficient use of resources and a reduced risk of post-quarantine transmission. Healthcare facilities, in consultation with local health departments, may also consider [CDC's Strategies to Mitigate Healthcare Personnel Staffing Shortages](#).

ODH Recommended Options for Quarantine Following Possible COVID-19 Exposure

	Duration of Quarantine	Recommended Actions
Optimal Duration to Minimize Risk of Transmission	Stay at home for at least 14 days* after last exposure. * A 14-day quarantine period presents the lowest risk of post-quarantine transmission. This strategy is preferred for people living in, working at, or visiting congregate living facilities, high density workplaces, or other settings where potential extensive transmission or contact with people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 is possible.	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through day 14 . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.) Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.
Reduced Duration 1	Stay at home for at least 10 days after last exposure.	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through day 14 . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19 .) Consider obtaining a viral test near the end of this period (day eight or later) to increase certainty that there is no infection, but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after day 10. Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.
Reduced Duration 2	Negative test result for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) from a sample collected on day five or later after last exposure AND stay at home for at least seven days after last exposure.	Maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a mask when around other people. Self-monitor for symptoms through day 14 . (Check temperature twice a day, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19 .) Persons who develop symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate and follow recommendations for discontinuing isolation.

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For additional information, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616.