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Warrior Staff:

I want to personally thank each of you for your efforts during the past eLearning week. Your commitment to our Warrior students made this a successful week, and provided the opportunity for us to resume in-person education within our buildings. The intent of this letter is to inform all of you of two adjustments we are making in regards to COVID-19.

The first adjustment is to our current quarantine protocols for critical workers. The Indiana State Department of Health has issued the following guidance:

Critical Infrastructure Workers

- Workers who support the education of pre-school, K-12, college, university, career and technical education, and adult education students, including professors, teachers, teacher aides, special education and special needs teachers, ESOL teachers, para-educators, apprenticeship supervisors, and specialists.
- Workers who provide services necessary to support educators and students, including but not limited to, administrators, administrative staff, IT specialists, media specialists, librarians, guidance counselors, school psychologists and other mental health professions, school nurses and other health professionals, and school safety personnel.
- Workers who support the transportation and operational needs of schools, including bus drivers, crossing guards, cafeteria workers, cleaning and maintenance workers, bus depot and maintenance workers, and those that deliver food and supplies to school facilities.
- Workers who support the administration of school systems including, school superintendents and their management and operational staff.
- Educators and operational staff facilitating and supporting distance learning.



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https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Version_4.0_CISA_Guidance_on_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workers_FINAL%20AUG%2018v3.pdf

Critical Infrastructure Workers

Close contact:

- **Quarantine** for 14 days (*preferred*), **or**
- **If no symptoms, may return to work** under the following conditions:
 - Pre-screening
 - Regular monitoring
 - Wear a mask for 14 days
 - Social distancing
 - Cleaning and disinfection of work spaces
- Close contacts who are symptomatic **must** complete 14-day quarantine and be 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medications and symptoms improved before returning to work



Critical Infrastructure Workers

Positive for COVID-19:

- If **symptomatic, isolate** until:
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset **and**
 - At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
 - Other symptoms have improved
- If **asymptomatic, isolate** until:
 - 10 days after the collection date of the first positive test



The 14 day quarantine is still the preferred method, however, this critical worker guidance gives schools the flexibility to allow employees who are not symptomatic to return to work under certain protocols. It is vital that if you develop symptoms, that you immediately quarantine and remain through the 14 day period.

Each staff member must continue to notify their building principal or department director if they have been a close contact to a positive COVID-19 individual. Once notified, the principal or director will consult the superintendent and corporation nurse for quarantine recommendation.

