

The Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Iowa Department of Public Health, and the Jackson County Department of Public Health have recently revised quarantine requirements for individuals who have been exposed to someone ("close contact") who has tested positive for COVID-19. The Easton Valley CSD will begin with these new quarantine guidelines on Thursday, December 10th. The new guidelines include:

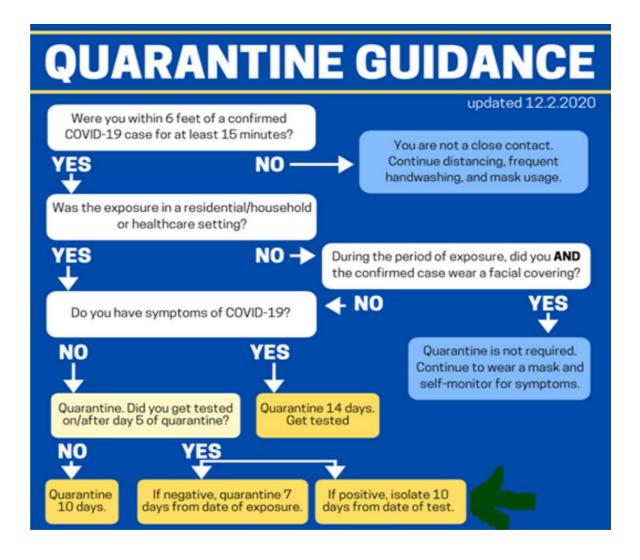
- 1. Individuals may return to school after seven (7) or ten (10) days in quarantine if they are asymptomatic (symptom-free). This would mean they could return to school on the 8th or 11th day after their "close-contact" with a Covid-19 positive individual. Before students return to school, families need to confirm and collaborate with the school nurse to verify these dates.
  - Students and staff can return after day seven if they have a test on day 5 or after and it is negative. The negative test result will need to be shared with the school nurse prior to their return to school.
  - Students and staff can return after day ten, and in this scenario they would not have to test prior to their return.
- 2. In the event that any student returns to school before the standard fourteen (14) day quarantine, they will be required to wear a mask at all times (except when eating or drinking). Students will be sent home and will not be able to return to school until the 14-day quarantine is complete if a student does not follow mask requirement 100% of the time.
- 3. Students will not be able to participate in extracurricular activities until after the 14-day standard for quarantine has been completed.
- 4. If students are experiencing symptoms, they should continue their 14-day quarantine and get tested.
- 5. If students test positive at any point during the quarantine, they will need to isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or the date of the test (whichever occurred first).

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You may also refer to the flow chart above and the checklist on the following page for additional clarification. We will continue to work closely with our health department to maximize the health and safety of our students, staff, and community.

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Under the new guidelines, a student may return to school before the 14 day quarantine is complete is unable to complete as long as the following conditions are met:

## May release after 7 days of in-home quarantine:

No symptoms

Negative diagnostic test taken on day 5 or later of quarantine

**During the remaining 7 days of quarantine** 

- o Daily symptom monitoring
- o Consistent mask use at all times
- o Social distancing must be maintained

## May release after 10 days of in-home quarantine:

No symptoms

No testing needed

**During the remaining 4 days of guarantine** 

- o Daily symptom monitoring
- o Consistent mask use at all times
- o Social distancing must be maintained

Thank You,

**Easton Valley Administration** 

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