

## COVID-19 – AS OF January 21, 2021

The District will be implementing our COVID-19 on-site testing by next week. The portable building behind the High School will be the testing site. If a staff member or student is experiencing symptoms, the school nurse(s) have been trained to do testing. The results are back within fifteen (15) minutes and it is 97% accurate. There is no charge for this. Please take advantage of this opportunity should it be needed. Students will need a parent permission slip signed before they can be tested. **You will need to make an appointment by calling one of the nurses.**

After conversation this morning, reviewing the CDC guidelines the following protocol will be followed:

If a staff member or student tests positive there will be a ten (10) day quarantine. After the 10 days if you have no symptoms or no fever for 24 hours without the use of medication you may return.

If you have been in close contact with someone, you will need to quarantine for at least seven (7) days. If you still do not have symptoms by day five (5), you may set up an appointment with the school nurses and come to the school for a COVID test. If the test is negative, you may return to work, however you are still contagious until the fourteen (14) day window is over. If you return to work you **MUST** keep your mask on at all times and you may not eat with others because you have to remove your mask to eat. CDC is still saying a fourteen (14) day quarantine is the best method to slow the spread. The District will allow employees to test and return but should the mandates not be followed, the employee will be sent home to complete the fourteen (14) day quarantine. If during any quarantine the person tests positive or shows symptoms the return to work policy is; Quarantine for ten (10) days, no fever for 24 hours without the use of medications and all other symptoms are gone.

Students will follow the same guidelines. Every student is highly encouraged to go to virtual learning for fourteen (14) days. However, if the student is showing no symptoms by day five (5) they can call and make an appointment with the school nurse(s) to come to the school and get tested. If the test is negative they may return after day seven (7). If the student returns they are still contagious for the full fourteen (14) days and **MUST** wear a mask all day without removing. The student cannot eat around other students/players. If the student is an athlete they will be mandated to wear their mask during practice, on the bus, and while playing in the game. The student will also be sent home for fourteen (14) days if the mandate is broken.