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Good afternoon EGF families and staff members!

EGF ISD 595 is currently experiencing a significant increase in the number of positive COVID cases and updated data will be sent out in a school district update over the weekend. Due to the increase, the school district will be adjusting the quarantine options in order to help keep school buildings open and activities going.

EGF ISD 595 will be stopping the 7-day shortened quarantine option as of today. The COVID team has had several students return from the 7-day quarantine period who have then turned positive. By eliminating this 7-day option, we are reducing the transmission risk and increasing the probability for keeping all of the schools buildings open for in person instruction. The final month of the 2020-21 school year will be starting next week and we would like to keep things as normal as possible and continue with in person instruction for all grade levels. From this time forward, EGF ISD 595 will only be offering the 10-day quarantine option.

This means that students can no longer be able to test out of quarantine.

District COVID team members have heard from several families that it has been very difficult to get in for testing. If you are having trouble with COVID testing, please consider ordering free saliva tests from the State of MN to have on hand. Please go to <https://learn.vaulthealth.com/state-of-minnesota/> to order free at home saliva test kits.

The COVID vaccine is also available to anyone 16 and older. Please go to the following link to find local vaccine distribution locations. <http://www.co.polk.mn.us/191/Public-Health>.

Thank you for all of your efforts!

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