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To: Shepherd Public Schools School Community
From: T. Starr, Superintendent
RE: Quarantine Adjustments

Good morning. At a meeting of the Board of Education last night during Public Comment there was input given on a number of issues surrounding COVID-19 restrictions for our district.

It can be reiterated that our Board of Education has done their very best to take all factors into consideration in order to make best decisions to keep students and staff as safe as possible. They have attempted to weigh all matters as best they can.

One decision they would like to make at this juncture is to adjust the quarantine expectations for students.

It is stated in the "Back to School Plan" that students must quarantine at home - instead of exclusion from school being a choice - when the positivity rate gets to 1%.

As an immediate adjustment to their plan, the Board would like to adjust this stipulation to, **"Due to the known fact that students learn better in school versus being at home, ALL quarantine for a close contact for Shepherd Public Schools will now become the family's choice unless a family member has COVID-19."** With this choice, the Board requests that any student identified as a close contact do the daily screener/temperature check before coming to school - or use the devices provided at school.

Additionally, members of the Board of Education will be meeting with a Leadership group of Shepherd High School this week to get their input relative to the Back to School Plan.

Until any official Board of Education action regarding the Back to School Plan, the Board and I would request that all students show compliance with the current Back to School Plan by wearing a mask appropriately while in our school buildings.

As a community it is our continued responsibility to deal with this virus and others. If your child is showing symptoms of illness in any way, please keep them home from school.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please let me know if you have any questions.

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