January 6, 2022

Dear HomeTech Families,

As you know, COVID cases in California and Butte County are rising due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant. I want to share with you the latest guidance from Public Health specifically for K-12 schools (which will likely be updated soon) along with a few reminders:

**If your student is COVID-positive or has been exposed to COVID:**

- **If anyone in your household has tested positive for COVID or has not yet tested but has symptoms of COVID, please notify our office at 530-872-1171 for eligibility to attend in-person instruction.** This will be based on the student's covid vaccination status, symptoms or lack thereof and additional factors as directed by California Public Health.
- **If your student has close contact with friends or non-household members that have tested positive for COVID, please call our office to discuss eligibility to attend in-person instruction as outlined above.**
- Students showing any symptoms of COVID (or other acute illness) should be kept at home.

**What if my child has to quarantine?**

- If your child has to quarantine (due to COVID exposure) or isolate (due to COVID infection), HomeTech has most classes online simultaneously during in-person instruction. Your child can access these through Google Classroom and by clicking the "join now" button for their class. They will receive the same instruction as if they were in-person.
- If your student needs a Chromebook to join classes while on quarantine or isolation, please contact our office and we will be happy to provide one.
- Please call our office and request that your child's weekly packets be gathered. Their advisory teacher will gather all packets necessary for that week. You may arrange for a pick up time and location of the packets.

**How long will my child have to quarantine or isolate?**

- Quarantine for possible COVID exposure depends on many factors including your child’s vaccination status, presence or absence of COVID symptoms, mask usage during exposure, the date of the last known exposure and other factors. Please call our office to determine the length of quarantine.
- Isolation is for students who have COVID. Isolation also depends on a variety of factors including presence or improvement of symptoms, ability or choosing to test again after initial diagnosis, and other factors. Please call our office at 530.872.1171 to speak with Julie to determine isolation length.

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What is HomeTech doing about COVID?

- As recommended by CDC and CDPH, HomeTech has increased our cleaning frequency of classrooms, bathrooms, and common areas.
- Efforts are being made to socially distance students while in classes when possible.
- Students and staff are required to wear face coverings inside when sharing spaces with others. If you do not want your student to wear a mask while on campus, he/she may attend classes online.
- HomeTech will notify potentially affected families as soon as possible when we learn of COVID cases affecting students. We determine the student’s close contacts and notify families promptly of possible exposure and quarantine requirements.

The CDC shortened the quarantine period. Why do students have to quarantine for longer?

- While CDC recently shortened the quarantine period, K-12 schools have different guidance. The K-12 guidance can be found at [https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/#schoolGuidance](https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/#schoolGuidance). The guidance is updated regularly and we consult the latest guidance published at this site for quarantine and isolation timelines.

An Important Note

COVID protocols in schools are frequently updated and the information provided in this letter is current as of January 6, 2022.

HomeTech considers the health and well-being of our students and staff a priority. Thank you for helping to keep our students and staff safe by notifying our office of any suspected or confirmed COVID cases. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 530-872-1171 ext. 11.

Sincerely,

Julie Crandall
Principal/Superintendent