



USD 330 Mission Valley School District

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CLOSE CONTACT EXCLUSION CHANGES

Effective--January 10, 2022

Viking Family:

Effective January 10, 2022 changes will be to the time frame that students/staff members identified as close contacts may be exempt from being required to be excluded from school/work if previously diagnosed with COVID.

Previously, students/staff members who were diagnosed as a positive case within 6 months of later being identified as a close contact were not required to be excluded from school work. USD 330 Mission Valley has been informed by the Wabaunsee County Health Department that the guidelines have now changed from 6 months to 3 months.

The updated policy that will be in effect January 10, 2022 for any student/staff member identified as a close contact will be adjusted to read:

A student/employee who is identified as a close contact may return to school/work if they are able to provide proof that they were diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 3 months.

Please remember that students/staff members will still be required to be excluded from school/work if they are showing signs/symptoms even if it is within the new 3 month window.

Feel free to read the full Test to Stay Policy on the district website under the Coronavirus (COVID-19) tab in the Document section or by clicking on the following link: [Test to Stay Policy](#)

Since the beginning of the 2nd semester, USD 330 Mission Valley has seen a total of 14 positive cases of COVID and have identified over 60 close contacts. Please remember that there are three ways that students/staff members can avoid being excluded from school/work after being identified as a close contact, so long as they do not have any signs/symptoms:

- 1) Previously identified as a confirmed positive case within the last 3 months
- 2) Wear a mask while at school/work
- 3) Be fully vaccinated

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We look forward to a fantastic 2nd semester and will continue to update you as changes occur.

Respectfully,

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