January 12, 2022

Dear Columbia School District Family,

Your child has been identified as a close contact to someone in school who has tested positive for COVID. Please see below for instructions regarding a COVID positive case in the household. The Columbia School District has a close contact policy for our students.

Close Contacts in School: (During mask mandate)
Return to class immediately, required to wear a mask for days 1-10 while closely monitoring symptoms

Close Contacts in School: (When mask mandate is lifted)
Return to class immediately, required to wear a mask for days 1-10 while closely monitoring symptoms

Close Contacts in the Household:
Inform school of the positive case and close contacts. If the close contact is not fully vaccinated, quarantine for 5 days, *test at home, and return to class for days 6-10 with a mask if no symptoms

If students who are close contacts develop symptoms, they should remain home until they are able to be tested*. The definition of fully vaccinated has also changed in which fully vaccinated now includes a booster if the last vaccine in the series was more than 5 months ago.

*Families may obtain test kits through the backpack testing program from Columbia School District. To obtain tests kits, please email ReturnToLearn@myeagles.org

As a reminder, if your child, who was exposed to COVID-19 is exhibiting symptoms (Fever (>100.4 F), cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, runny or stuffy nose, loss of taste or smell, and/or abdominal pain), please contact your physician, do not send your child to school.

Students at the Jr./Sr. High School who quarantine will maintain their coursework and assignments via Google Classroom. Their assigned chromebook can be used at home.

Students at the Elementary Schools who quarantine will be given printed work to do from their classroom teacher. Their assigned chromebook will not be taken home.

If you have questions, please contact ReturnToLearn@myeagles.org or the Jackson County Health Department at 517-788-4420 Option #9 or email jchdcovid@mijackson.org.

Educationally Yours,

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