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Community High School District 117 Families,

As promised, I am writing to share that the isolation and quarantine period for students and staff members sick with COVID-19 or considered a close contact has been **reduced to a minimum of five days**. The Governor's indoor mask mandate for school is still in effect until further notice.

On January 6, the CDC updated its guidance for K-12 Schools [linked here](#). The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) along with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) have now (1-11-22) issued [Revised Public Health Guidance for Schools](#) and a corresponding [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document.

As a result, effective immediately, District 117 will implement the updated IDPH/ISBE guidance. Staff and students who are currently impacted by a quarantine now have a revised return to school date. Please see the chart below to know when to send your child back to school:

If a student or staff member tested positive or first had symptoms on the following date:	The new return to school/work date is the following:
Friday, 1/7	Thursday, 1/13
Saturday, 1/8	Friday, 1/14
Sunday, 1/9	Tuesday, 1/18 - Monday 1/17 is a holiday
Monday, 1/10	Tuesday, 1/18 - Monday 1/17 is a holiday
<i>*Any date prior to 1/7/2022 may return on Thursday, 1/13.</i>	<i>**The date above is if a person is fever-free for 24 hours and symptoms have improved. If not, continue to quarantine until symptoms have improved and fever-free for 24 hours.</i>

**** SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

Unvaccinated students and staff members who are not boosted and who are close contacts are now required to quarantine for 5 days. The following is a table with the revised return to school dates:

<i>If an unvaccinated student or not boosted staff member was a close contact on the following:</i>	<i>The new return to school/work date is the following:</i>
Friday, 1/7	Thursday, 1/13
Saturday, 1/8	Friday, 1/14
Sunday, 1/9	Tuesday, 1/18 - Monday 1/17 is a holiday
Monday, 1/10	Tuesday, 1/18 - Monday 1/17 is a holiday
<i>*Any date prior to 1/7/2022 may return on Thursday, 1/13</i>	<i>**Test on day 5 if possible If symptoms develop, quarantine and test.</i>

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NEW: What is quarantine? **Summary Information from CDC:**

- [Quarantine](#) means staying home **for at least 5 days** after exposure to someone diagnosed with COVID-19. This is because someone can be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 but may not show symptoms. Even though someone may not show symptoms, they can still spread the virus.
- Quarantine is a strategy used to prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, by keeping people who have been in [close contact](#) with someone with COVID-19 apart from others.
- People quarantine when they have been exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19, based on their vaccination and [booster](#) status or history of prior infection in the past 90 days.

Quarantine / Isolation Guidelines

If you test positive for COVID-19 (exclusion)	<p>Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay home for a minimum of five days and a maximum of 10 days after the first day of symptoms or the specimen collection date from positive viral test for asymptomatic persons. ● Continue to wear a mask around others for five more days after returning to school. <p>Individuals may return to school after five days if asymptomatic or if fever-free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours,</p>
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	<p>diarrhea/vomiting have ceased for 24 hours, and other symptoms have improved.</p> <p><i>Be aware that your clinical provider may determine that you need a longer period of isolation based on certain underlying clinical conditions such as a weakened immune system.</i></p>
<p>If you have COVID-19-like symptoms (exclusion)</p>	<p>Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must immediately be excluded from school until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Receiving a negative test result that confirms the symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19; or ● For a minimum of five days and a maximum of 10 days until fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours, diarrhea/vomiting have ceased for 24 hours, and other symptoms have improved. <p>Individuals must continue to wear a mask around others for five more days after returning to school.</p> <p>Those testing positive should be excluded from school and follow guidance for persons testing positive.</p>
<p>If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19 and have no COVID-19-like symptoms (exclusion)</p>	<p>The following people <i>are</i> close contacts* who must be excluded from school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students and staff who are not fully vaccinated (completed primary series). ● Students and staff aged 18 years and older who have received primary COVID-19 vaccine doses but have not received a booster dose when eligible (“unboosted”). <p>As an alternative to exclusion for individuals who are close contacts, schools may permit close contacts without symptoms of COVID-19 who were exposed in the school setting during the school day (excludes extracurricular activities) to remain in school through Test to Stay.</p> <p>Individuals without symptoms of COVID-19 who are not participating in Test to Stay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must stay home for five days after the last contact with the person who has COVID-19; ● Must wear a mask around others for five additional days and remain asymptomatic; and ● Should test for COVID-19 on day five. Those testing positive should be excluded from school and follow guidance for persons testing positive. <hr/> <p>The following people <i>are not</i> close contacts* who require exclusion:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A student who was within 3 to 6 feet in a classroom setting for at least 15 minutes with a confirmed or probable student case if both case and contact were consistently masked for the entire exposure period. ● Students and staff aged 18 years and older who have received all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses, including boosters and additional primary doses for some immunocompromised people. ● A student aged 5-17 years who completed the primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine. ● An individual on school transportation within 3 to 6 feet if both the confirmed case and the exposed individual were consistently and correctly masked during the entire exposure period and windows were opened (front, middle, and back, or overhead) to allow for good ventilation or HEPA filters were in use during transit. ● An individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days from date of exposure. ● An individual who is solely exposed to a confirmed case while outdoors; however, schools may coordinate with their local health department to determine the necessity of exclusion for higher-risk outdoor exposures. <p>These individuals must wear a mask around others for 10 days and may consider testing for COVID-19 on day five, if possible. Those testing positive should be excluded from school and follow guidance for persons testing positive.</p>
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Reminder, the District is hosting another COVID-19 vaccination clinic for all eligible ages that want a vaccination. Below are the dates/times of the clinics:

Dose 1 Date	Dose 2 Date	Clinic Time	Location	Address
Friday, Jan. 14, 2022	Friday, Feb. 14, 2022	4 - 7:30pm	Antioch High School	1133 Main St., Antioch

[Pfizer Booster Vaccine Registration Link:](#)

<https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/1620681786892>

- **Everyone 16+** to receive a booster shot if they are at least 6 months past their initial **Pfizer** vaccination series

- **Pfizer Pediatric Vaccine Registration Link:**

<https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/1640284406238>

➤ For patients 5-11 years

- **Moderna Booster Vaccine Registration Link**

<https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/1641830420491>

A booster can be given 5 months after 2nd dose to anyone 18 years and older.

These changes are a significant step toward the District providing continuity of in-person instruction for all students. The District received this new information last night and the administration has been reviewing the changes. Please bear with us as we implement these changes to our operations. If you have specific questions, please contact your building administration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim McKay
Superintendent



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