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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Earlier this week, Governor Andy Beshear signed an emergency administrative regulation that requires each school and/or school district to report the number of students that are quarantined and that have tested positive for COVID-19 to the Kentucky Department for Public Health. The regulation also requires “parents, legal guardians, or other persons or agencies responsible for a student...to notify the student’s school of a diagnosed medical condition” such as COVID-19.

Regardless of the regulation, we will need your help as we begin to have students back in our buildings for in-person instruction. Here is how you can help:

- Whenever an adult/student is named a contact through contact tracing, he/or she will receive a quarantine letter.
- Also, whenever an adult/student tests positive, he or she will receive an isolation letter.
- Both types of letters give the dates when a person or a student may return to school.
- Currently, the health department cannot give those letters directly to the school system.
- So, when a student receives a quarantine or isolation letter, we ask that you give a copy of the letter to your school nurse, secretary, or principal.

Hopefully, you will never receive a letter like this, but if you do, we would sincerely appreciate your giving a copy of the letter to your school. This information will be very important as we follow guidelines to keep our schools open and more importantly, to keep our students and staff safe. ***Again, simply put, if you get a letter from the health department that requires your student to stay home for COVID-19 related reasons, please let the office staff of your school know.*** For clarification, we are not allowed to share names with anyone, but we have to supply these numbers to the Kentucky Department for Public Health and to our community. This reporting system and this regulation is now effective for Lawrence County because we will be having students in the classroom within the next two weeks.

Thank you for your help. Thank you for being...

All In,

Robbie L. Fletcher, EdD

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