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STUDENT-STAFF RETURN PROTOCOLS **FOR COVID-19 CASES**

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) have updated their quarantine guidance for schools, no longer requiring masks be worn inside buildings. MCS will follow this guidance while maintaining the following protocols for students and staff experiencing COVID symptoms or receiving a positive test result:

1 - SYMPTOMS and COVID SUSPECTED

- **QUARANTINE:** 5 DAYS FROM ONSET OF SYMPTOMS **OR** UNTIL DOCTOR PROVIDES NOTE STATING SYMPTOMS ARE NOT COVID-19.
- **RETURN WHEN:** QUARANTINE PERIOD ENDS AND FEVER-FREE FOR 24 HRS. WITHOUT MEDICATION AND WITH IMPROVING SYMPTOMS **OR** WHEN DOCTOR NOTE IS OBTAINED.

2 - SYMPTOMS AND POSITIVE TEST

- **ISOLATION:** 5 DAYS FROM ONSET OF SYMPTOMS AND WEAR A MASK ON DAYS 6 - 10.
- **RETURN WHEN:** QUARANTINE PERIOD ENDS AND FEVER-FREE FOR 24 HRS. WITHOUT MEDICATION AND WITH IMPROVING SYMPTOMS.

3 - SYMPTOMS AND NEGATIVE TEST

- QUARANTINE: NONE REQUIRED.
- RETURN WHEN: FEVER-FREE FOR 24 HRS. WITHOUT MEDICATION AND WITH IMPROVING SYMPTOMS.

4 - NO SYMPTOMS AND POSITIVE TEST

- ISOLATION: 5 DAYS FROM DAY AFTER TEST DATE AND WEAR A MASK ON DAYS 6 – 10.
- RETURN WHEN: ISOLATION PERIOD ENDS IF STILL SYMPTOM-FREE.

We still encourage everyone who is eligible for a vaccination and/or booster shot to get one. Because contact tracing is no longer required, MCS will not be contacting families of students exposed to someone who tests positive unless there is a strong likelihood of transmission. Please keep in mind the following definitions:

- **“Close contact”** refers to any unmasked individual who was within 6 feet of a COVID-positive person for more than 15 minutes in a day. If the individual was masked, then they are a close contact *only if* they were within 3 feet of the COVID-positive person for more than 15 minutes in a day. If a close contact develops symptoms or tests positive, then other household members become close contacts and must quarantine accordingly.
- **“Quarantine”** means to separate from others by staying home and avoid being around anyone even if there are no symptoms.
- **“Isolation”** means to separate from all others, including those in the same household. Anyone in isolation should stay in a separate room and not share bathrooms or eating areas with other members of the household.