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Dear Staff and Parents:

## **Update to Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Isolation & Quarantine Guidance**

January 10, 2022

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention ("CDC") recently amended their guidance for how schools should approach the isolation and quarantine of personnel and students. As a continuation in our efforts to keep students in school, we are intending to implement the new CDC guidance for students and staff beginning on **Monday**,

January 10th.

The <u>Overview of COVID-19 Isolation for K-12 Schools</u> and detailed <u>Quarantine</u> and <u>Isolation guidance</u> can be found on the CDC's website.

Following is a very brief summary of the new guidance as it pertains to isolation and quarantine of school personnel and students:

You <u>isolate</u> when you are sick or when you have tested positive even if you don't have symptoms.

You <u>quarantine</u> when you might have been exposed to the virus and may or may not have been infected.

	Instructions for Exclusion from the School Environment	Instructions to Return to the School-Environment
Isolation	Those with a positive test result should isolate for a period of 5 days, with day 0 being the day symptoms start or a positive test is received.	Return to school may occur on day 6 if symptoms have resolved or improved and a well-fitting mask MUST be worn through day 10. During days 6-10, if symptoms have not resolved continue to isolate until symptom free or 10 days have passed.
Isolation pending test results	Symptomatic students or staff with a pending COVID-19 test should isolate until the result is received.	If the test is negative, the student or staff member may return when symptoms subside. If positive, see the isolation instructions above.

Quarantine from a home exposure	Unvaccinated individuals that come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 outside of school or in the home should quarantine for at least 5 days. The date of exposure is considered day 0.	A return to school may occur on day 6 if asymptomatic and wearing a well-fitting mask through day 10. Vaccinated close contacts are excluded from this recommendation although masking is recommended through day 10.
Identified cluster of cases in the school-environment	In the case of an identified cluster of cases (3 or more cases that are possibly linked within a classroom or grouping), targeted interventions will be issued in collaboration with LCHD. Interventions may include masking the entire staff and student body for a period, a short-term shift to virtual learning for a classroom, a grade level or a school.	The appropriate length of time for the short-term intervention will also be set in collaboration with LCHD.

Please continue to notify your school building/district office directly if you have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone in your household with COVID-19. In addition, please use <a href="https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6359915/UPDATED-COVID-19-Self-Report-Form">https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6359915/UPDATED-COVID-19-Self-Report-Form</a> to self-report the case to the LCHD.

HCS will continue following the approved process for those individuals who have been identified as a close contact within the school setting in which parents will be notified, students are encouraged to get tested, wear a mask, monitor symptoms and stay home if they become symptomatic.

There is a strong possibility that additional updates will be issued in the coming weeks ahead and we will make sure to keep our school community informed as new guidelines are presented.

Respectfully,

**Chuck Hughes** 

Attachment: COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Flyer

## COVID-19 **Drive-Thru Testing**



When: Monday-Sunday, 9:00am-5:00pm

**Legacy Center Sports Complex** Where:

9299 Goble Dr. Brighton, MI 48116

2515 Ellsworth Rd. Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Schedule: <a href="https://lynxdx.health/register">https://lynxdx.health/register</a>

Roundtree Place

PCR saliva-based testing is available. Results are usually available within 24-48 hours.



Testing is available at the above locations until further notice. Appointments are required.



