

# UPDATED MDHHS & WCHD QUARANTINE GUIDANCE

## PROTOCOL FOR COVID-19 EXPOSURE

### POSITIVE CASES

Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 and/or display COVID-19 symptoms should isolate regardless of vaccination status:

- Monitor for symptoms for days 0-10; AND
- Isolate at home for days 0-5 (day "0" is the day symptoms begin or day test was taken for those without symptoms); AND
- If symptoms have **improved** or **no new symptoms** developed, 24-hours fever-free, you may return to school, while wearing a well-fitting mask, for days 6-10.

### CLOSE CONTACT AT SCHOOL

The Wayne County Health Department is adopting the new self-quarantine and isolation guidelines from MDHHS for schools. Additionally, Wayne County HD is adopting the following updated protocol for contact tracing & quarantines:

- **"Mask to Stay"** - If the COVID exposure occurred in the school setting, no contact tracing is required and students exposed at school do not have a mandatory quarantine, but will remain masked. This includes in-school contacts, including classrooms, buses, lunch and most extra-curricular activities.
- As a precaution, the district will continue to make close contact phone calls for these situations for the time being while cases are high and families adjust to the new processes. This will also allow parents to make a personal choice about quarantining and reinforces extra caution in monitoring for symptoms daily.
- **All students and staff currently quarantined as a result of being a school-associated close contact to a positive case, and are symptom free, are eligible for immediate return.**

*\*\*Mask to Stay" is the consistent and correct use of a well-fitted mask when around others in school and at school-related events.*

### CLOSE CONTACT OUT OF SCHOOL

If the COVID-19 exposure occurred away from school, and the student or staff member is **unvaccinated** and has not had COVID within the past 90 days, then they have the options below:

1. Home quarantine for days 1-5, monitor for symptoms, if feasible test on day 5, AND "Mask to Stay" for days 6-10;  
**OR**
2. Home quarantine for days 1-10

### SYMPTOM MONITORING RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Do not** attend school or work if you are not feeling well (WCHD COVID-19 Screening Tool).
- Watch for symptoms, such as fever, sore/scratchy throat, cough, shortness of breath or other COVID-19 symptoms.
- If symptoms develop, get tested immediately and isolate until receiving test results. If test is positive, then follow isolation protocol and contact your school administration immediately.

### COVID-19 DASHBOARDS

Current positive cases by building will continue to be updated at [www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org). Letters will continue to be sent to each school community.