

## **Addendum to The Road Forward Plan dated January 26, 2022.**

On January 12, 2022, the Department of Health adopted new guidance about Covid in the school setting. These are minimum requirements. Please continue to monitor your child vigilantly for any Covid compatible symptoms and keep your child home if he/she is sick.

### **Quarantine Guidelines:**

- Anyone with Covid compatible symptoms or a positive Covid test (rapid or PCR) will quarantine a minimum of 5 days. Day 0 is the date of the positive test.
  - If symptoms resolve (must be fever-free without medication for 24 hours and other symptoms resolve), the child may return on day 6. Your child must be able to always wear a well-fitted mask through day 10, except when drinking or eating. On days 6-10, the child will be eating in an alternate location and will need to remain masked during recess and PE.
  - Asymptomatic positive student may return on day 6 if no symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, the onset of symptoms will be day 0, and then 5 days will begin. The student may return on day 6 and must always remain masked through day 10, except when eating or drinking. On days 6-10, the student will eat in an alternate location and will need to remain masked during recess and PE.

### **Who Needs to Quarantine?**

Unvaccinated household close contacts or unvaccinated school identified close contacts need to quarantine. This includes adults 18 and over who have not received their first round of Covid vaccines and booster at the required time. It also includes any unvaccinated students or unvaccinated staff identified as an in school close contact. There is no change to the close contact quarantine. It remains the initial 10 days quarantine plus 5 days with testing as directed by the nurse.

### **Ill Child or Staff:**

- If a child or staff member is ill and/or experiencing Covid compatible symptoms regardless of vaccination status, he/she will be required to either:
  - Quarantine for 5 days and return on day 6 if symptoms resolve. He/she must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication and other symptoms must be improved or resolved after consulting with the school nurse.
  - Return with a negative Covid PCR test or alternate diagnosis from a medical provider (ear infection, strep, etc.).
  - The School Nurse has the discretion to exclude a student at any time based on presentation of observed or reported symptoms.

**Students who are Covid Positive Returning to School Days 6-10:**

- If a student is returning on days 6-10 of his/her quarantine, a doctor's note clearing the child to return to school is required. Please contact the nurse. The parent/guardian will acknowledge that until the child has completed day 10 of mask wearing, he/she will be required to eat lunch in an alternate location and maintain the mask during recess and PE.