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Dear Parents/Guardians/Students/Staff Members,

Many of the Clark County School Districts are returning to traditional in-person schooling this fall, along with participation in fall season sports and extracurricular activities.

In this letter, the Clark County Health Department (CCHD) wants to inform parents, guardian, students, and staff members of expectations related to isolation and quarantine periods for COVID-19 during the 2020-2021 school year. Clark County School Districts will be collaborating with the CCHD, and other local health departments, if there is a case(s) of COVID-19 in your school district. During the COVID-19 pandemic, staff at the CCHD follow guidelines and recommendations set forth by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), and other expert entities whom are continuously researching and gaining knowledge of the novel (new) coronavirus 2019. **These guidelines and recommendations may change at any time.** CCHD staff members do not make the guidelines or recommendations, but follow and enforce them at the local level, to keep our schools and community members safe. School districts are asking families to please cooperate with school district personnel and the CCHD. School districts will be in frequent communication with staff members from the CCHD and other local health departments on who can, and cannot, be in school. We highly encourage families to be open and upfront with their child(ren) about all expectations and possibilities that may occur during the current school year.

Positive Case of COVID-19

- Have a lab-confirmed positive test result of COVID-19 (nose swab).
- Will be sent home from school immediately.
 - If the positive case is a student, they will be isolated away from others in the building until they are able to be picked up from school.
- Must isolate at home at all times until they meet the requirements to be released from isolation from their local health department.
 - 10 days from the start of their symptoms, or 10 days from their positive test date if they have no symptoms -AND-
 - Fever free for 24 hours without any medications to alleviate a fever -AND-
 - Improvement of symptoms.
- This is a requirement (not optional) that is standard across the state of WI per DHS.
- They will not be able to return to school or participate in sports/extracurricular activities until their isolation period is completed.
- Household members will be considered close contacts, and have to enter quarantine for 14 days.

Probable or Suspect Case of COVID-19

- Presented at home (or at school) with symptoms that meet that exclusion from school criteria.
 - One or more of the following:
 - Cough, shortness of breath/trouble breathing, new loss of sense of taste or smell. -OR-
 - Two or more of the following:
 - Sore throat, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, muscle or body aches, chills, and/or a fever $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$.



- If they are at school, they will be sent home from school immediately.
 - If the probable case is a student, they will be isolated away from others in the building until they are able to be picked up from school.
- Must isolate at home at all times until they meet the requirements to be released from isolation from their local health department.
 - 10 days from the start of their symptoms, or 10 days from their positive test date if they have no symptoms -AND-
 - Fever free for 24 hours without any medications to alleviate a fever -AND-
 - Improvement of symptoms.
- This is a requirement (not optional) that is standard across the state of WI per DHS.
- They will not be able to return to school or participate in sports/extracurricular activities until their isolation period is completed.
- Household members will be considered close contacts, and have to enter quarantine for 14 days.

Close Contacts to a Positive Case of COVID-19

- Will be sent home from school immediately.
 - If the close contact is a student, they will be isolated away from others in the building until they are able to be picked up from school.
- Must quarantine at home at all times until they meet the requirements to be released from quarantine from their local health department.
 - 14 days from their last exposure to the positive case-individual.
- If the close contact lives in the same home as the positive case-individual:
 - The close contact can be released from quarantine 14 days **after** the positive case-individual is released from their isolation. -OR-
 - The close contact can be released from quarantine 14 days from their last exposure to the positive case-individual -IF-
 - The positive case-individual can completely separate away from everyone in the home, which means no contact, no time together in the same room, no sharing of any spaces, using a separate bedroom/bathroom, etc.
- This is a requirement (not optional) that is standard across the state of WI per DHS.
- They will not be able to return to school or participate in sports/extracurricular activities until their quarantine period is completed.

For more information regarding COVID-19 with schools, sports, and extracurricular activities, please visit the Clark County COVID-19 webpage at: www.clarkcounty.wi.gov/covid-19.

The CCHD wants to thank parents, guardians, students, staff members, etc., for their cooperation during these difficult times!

Sincerely,

The Clark County Health Department