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Jennings County Families,

Welcome back to second semester and a new year! Over our winter vacation, the CDC and Indiana Department of Health released updated guidance for schools. These changes will go into effect immediately. Continuing with our mask requirement allows us to keep our students in school learning with our teachers face to face. If you have questions regarding this new guidance, please contact your child's school nurse or principal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Teresa A. Brown,  
Superintendent

### **K-12 Isolation Guidance: When All students/staff Are masked:**

#### **If student tests positive:**

- Stay home for 5 days
- Return to school Day 6 if asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and continue to mask for 5 days in classroom (if unable to mask properly at all times, must remain isolated at home for full 10 days)
  - Fever-free for 24 hours without medication and other symptoms improving
- Can resume extracurricular activities on Day 6 if able to wear a mask properly at all times for Days 6-10, above conditions are met and cleared by physician

### **K-12 Quarantine Guidance: When All Are Masked:**

#### **If student is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the classroom:**

- As long as student continues to be asymptomatic, may remain in school and continue to wear a mask properly at all times, test on Day 5 if possible
- May continue extracurricular activities; wear a mask properly at all times when able (while not actively performing or actively playing during your sporting activity) for all 10 days
- If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home and if positive, follow isolation guidance. If test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.

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## **K-12 Quarantine Guidance: For Students Exposed Outside of the Classroom**

**If student is exposed to someone with COVID-19 outside of the classroom, lunch, extracurricular activities, or by home contacts:**

**If fully vaccinated** (have received all doses of vaccines, including booster if eligible)  
- As long as asymptomatic, may remain in school and continue to mask at all times in classroom; test on Day 5 if possible  
- May continue extracurricular activities; wear mask for 10 days (while not actively performing or actively playing during your sporting activity)  
- If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home. If positive, follow isolation guidance. If test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.

**• If unvaccinated or partially vaccinated:**

- Stay home for 5 days; test on Day 5 if possible  
- Return to class on Day 6 if still asymptomatic. Continue to wear a mask for Days 6-10.  
- No extracurricular activities for 5 days of home quarantine. May resume Day 6 only if able to wear a mask at all times (including while actively performing or playing during your sporting activity) for Days 6-10.  
- If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home. If positive, follow isolation guidance. If test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.

### **Guidance for Families if Students Are Unable to Isolate from Positive Person at Home:**

If positive person cannot isolate away from close contact and if positive person (days 1-5) doesn't consistently mask at home (days 6-10), student's quarantine begins after Day 10. Student may return on Day 6 (of their quarantine) with constant and correct masking in place days 6-10. **Day 6 of quarantine is day 16 of total time.**

### **K-12 Reminders from the Indiana Department of Health:**

• Masking is the safest way to keep everyone safe while in school, and if your school has a mask requirement in place, no one needs to quarantine if they are identified as close contacts. Students and staff may continue to attend school and monitor for symptoms.

# Parent Daily Screening Tool

## COVID-19 Screening for Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness:

<input type="checkbox"/>	 FEVER 100.4* OR CHILLS <small>*or child's usual body temperature if the child is lower</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 SORE THROAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	 COUGH* OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH <small>*especially new onset, uncontrolled cough</small>
<input type="checkbox"/>	 DIARRHEA, NAUSEA OR VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	 HEADACHE* <small>*particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with fever</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL

\*May present with more than one symptom. This list does not include all possible symptoms.

- 1 Does your child have any sign of illness above?
  - 2 Was your child in close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes over a 24-hour period) with anyone confirmed with COVID-19?
  - 3 If the answer is YES to any of the questions, DO NOT send your student to school. Instead, get your child tested for COVID-19 and isolate them until their test result is received.
  - 4 Please keep your student home until they meet the criteria to return to school.
-  If your child has trouble breathing, chest pain, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake or bluish lips or face. **CALL 911!**



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- Screening to occur daily prior to sending student on bus or dropping off at parent drop off
- When in doubt, do not send to school and seek testing or medical opinion