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Dear School District of Wisconsin Dells Parents/Caregivers:

The district has updated its current COVID protocols for those that have tested positive, are a household close contact or have been identified as a non-household contact. Please see the following information below.

- Asymptomatic students and staff with COVID-19 should isolate for five days, and if they remain symptom-free or their symptoms are without fever for 24 hours, may return, provided they follow that up by five days of wearing a mask when around others to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter.
- Those who have a positive COVID case and remain symptomatic are required to isolate until the following criteria are met: Remain out of school for 10 days since symptoms first appeared, be 24 hours fever-free, and must not have any symptoms.
- A vaccinated household close contact is not required to quarantine but should monitor their symptoms for 10 consecutive days and is required to wear a face covering until they provide negative PCR test on or after Day Six. An unvaccinated household contact is required to quarantine and they may provide a negative PCR COVID test that was taken on Day Six or after from the positive household member's symptom start date or asymptomatic test date. Upon providing a negative PCR COVID test, having no symptoms, and being fever-free for 24 hours, the person may return to school on Day Seven of quarantine.
- A person who is a close contact (not a household contact) with someone during their potential infectious period should monitor their symptoms. If **no symptoms** arise and the person remains fever-free, no quarantine is required. Families will be allowed the option to quarantine immediately upon notification if they wish. (If you choose not to test, your quarantine period will be 10 days.)
- A close contact with someone during their potential infectious period that **develops symptoms** is required to isolate for 10 days from the initial date symptoms first appeared, be 24 hours fever-free, or symptoms are resolved. Quarantined, symptomatic close contacts are eligible for a PCR COVID test on Day Six or after. A close contact may return to school on Day Seven of quarantine with a negative PCR COVID test, no symptoms AND is fever-free for 24 hours. (If you choose not to test, your quarantine period will be 10 days.)

In closing we thank everyone for their flexibility and patience during this latest uptick in positive COVID cases. A reminder the goal is to provide as much in-person instruction as possible, and to date the district has met this goal.

Sincerely,

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District Administrator