

# **MONITEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dear Moniteau Families and Staff Members,

As you prepare for the coming days and weeks, we anticipate you may have questions about the updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As you are likely aware, on December 27, 2021, the CDC announced shortened isolation and quarantine periods for COVID-19. The updates have come at the same time as our six-month Health and Safety Plan review.

Below are the updated CDC guidelines that we will follow:

- Individuals **with a confirmed case of COVID-19** should isolate for **5 days**. If after 5 days, you have no symptoms or the symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), you may return to school and should wear a mask for an additional 5 days when around others. **Please contact the school nurse to confirm a return date prior to returning to in-person instruction.**
- For individuals **who are exposed to COVID-19 and are unvaccinated** - or are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and **not yet boosted** - CDC now recommends individuals quarantine for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days.
- **Individuals who are exposed to COVID-19 and have received their booster shot - or are within six months of receiving their primary vaccine series (or less than 2 months after the J&J vaccine)** - do not need to quarantine following an exposure, but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure.
- **For all those exposed to COVID-19**, best practice would include getting a test for SARS-CoV-2 at day 5 after exposure. If symptoms occur for an exposed person, individuals should immediately quarantine until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19.

Knowing the above, please keep in mind the following when assessing an individual's health and wellness before coming to school:

- **If a student or staff member is sick**, regardless of any known COVID-19 exposure, **please stay at home.**
- If a student or staff member is awaiting a COVID-19 test result, please stay at home.
- If a student or staff member has received a negative rapid test, but the PCR was also taken, please stay at home until the PCR result is back.
- If you are questioning whether to come to school, please stay at home until you can speak to the building nurse.

Other changes to the Health and Safety Plan are as follows:

- A personal phone call will be made when you/your child is considered a close contact. Every effort will be made to have a school employee directly speak to you.
- The district will no longer send close contact letters home through the USPS.

- Phone calls, text messages, and emails will no longer be sent to indicate there has been a new case of COVID-19. Instead, the district will maintain, and update, the COVID-19 webpage on a daily basis. (<https://sites.google.com/moniteau.org/covid-19/covid-19/district-cases>)
- The Skylert system will still be utilized to share pertinent information regarding COVID-19 as it is necessary.
- Wellness screenings and temperature checks will no longer be required.

Per the Health and Safety Plan, face masks/face covering are **strongly recommended**, but are not required in district buildings. Please remember, all students and staff are required to continue to wear face masks on school transportation per a federal order. Additionally, the district will continue the use of multiple lunchrooms and plexiglass, as needed.

Should you have any additional questions please reach out to your/your child's school nurse.

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We thank you once again for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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