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District Update October 21, 2021

COVID-19 Quarantine Policy Amendment

At Tuesday's board meeting, school nurses presented data collected over the last two months that showed 61% of in-home COVID exposures resulted in the person testing positive or developing symptoms consistent with COVID-19. In contrast, only 15% of in-school exposures resulted in the person testing positive or developing symptoms consistent with COVID-19. In light of this data, school nurses made a recommendation to the board asking for a revision to the quarantine policy adopted last month. After discussion, the board voted to amend its previous COVID-19 quarantine policy as follows:

Individuals who are directly exposed to a COVID-positive family member or member of the household will be required to follow WDH guidance for quarantine. Only individuals who are identified as close contacts of a COVID positive person *in the school setting* will be given the option to have a modified quarantine by remaining in school with a mask. WDH guidance for quarantine can be found [here](#). This amendment will be re-evaluated at the board meeting on November 16.

The District has updated its decision guide to reflect this change, and the change will take effect on Tuesday, October 26. There are four options for individuals under the District's quarantine guidelines:

Option 1- quarantine for 14 days from the last date of contact with the COVID-19 positive individual.

Option 2- quarantine for 10 days from the last date of contact with the COVID-19 positive individual. **Must remain symptom free.**

Option 3- quarantine for 7 days from the last date of contact with the COVID-19 positive individual. **Must remain symptom free** and obtain a **negative PCR COVID test** on or after 5 days of quarantine.

Option 4- FOR SCHOOL BASED EXPOSURES ONLY: FCSD #1 will permit individuals who are exposed at school to a positive COVID-19 case to continue to attend in person, **but they must wear a mask at all times and must remain symptom-free for the entirety of the quarantine period (10 days)**. We recommend close contacts obtain a COVID-19 test at day 5 after exposure.

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Individuals can obtain PCR tests at the Shoshone Rose Casino or the Big Wind Casino. These tests are drive thru and self-collected. At-home PCR tests can also be requested from the WDH website. Results from these options typically take up to 48 hours to obtain. PCR tests are also available at Lander Medical Clinic.

Dave Barker
Superintendent

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