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Updated Quarantine Guidance for Chippewa Local Schools Starting November 1, 2021

Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff ,Ohio Department of Health's Chief Medical Officer, held a press conference on October 25, explaining the guidance for the new quarantine protocols for Ohio schools. The Wayne County Health Department will be following and implementing the new isolation measures below.

If a student/staff is exposed within the school setting (<u>close contact</u>) he/she can follow all of the steps below to remain in school instead of being quarantined outside of school:

New Protocols to Stay in School

- 1. Wear a mask for 14 days
- 2. Monitor daily for symptoms
- 3. Isolate (stay home) if symptoms occur
- 4. Option to test on days 5-7, if negative, the student/staff can discontinue wearing the mask after day 7.

If a student is exposed within the school setting (<u>close contact</u>) and is involved in extracurricular activities he/she can continue to participate by following the **Test to Participate** guidelines listed below:

- 1. Wear a mask at all times during the extracurricular when not actively participating
- 2. Test on day 1 of exposure/notification, if negative, the student can stay active
- 3. Test again on days 5-7, if negative, the student can discontinue the quarantine protocols.

Additional Information:

- COVID-19 test must be PCR or Antigen with verification from the provider.
- All students and staff on school transportation will still be required to wear a mask.

• Based on this new information school employees are no longer required to wear a mask unless considered a close contact within the school setting (and then he/she will follow the protocols above).

• If a student/family elects not to follow these guidelines, the student will be required to quarantine at home.

- These guidelines do not apply to students or staff exposed outside of the school setting.
- Masks continue to be strongly encouraged.

• This information and update is contingent on WCHD & ODH guidance as of 10/25/2021 and could change in the future.