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Updated Quarantine Guidance for Ohio Schools

Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff ,Ohio Department of Health's Chief Medical Officer, held a press conference today 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. This will take effect immediately for Southeast Local Schools in an effort to keep healthy students in school.

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

New Protocols to Remain 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 day 5-7, if negative, the student/staff can discontinue wearing the mask after day 7.

If a student is exposed within the school setting (close contact) 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 between days 5-7, if negative, the student can discontinue wearing the mask after day 7.

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 will no longer be 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 based on WCHD & ODH guidance as of 10-25-21 and could change in the future.**