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Byron Area Schools

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Dear Byron Area Schools Families,

In our continued work with **the Shiawassee County Health Department**, there have been some recent changes to contact tracing and isolation guidelines regarding **COVID-19**. As of today, this is the definition of fully vaccinated and the guidelines we will be following moving forward:

Fully vaccinated is someone who has completed a primary COVID-19 vaccination series within the last 5 months (Pfizer or Moderna) or 2 months (J&J). However, if the student is 18 years or older, they must have a booster to be considered fully vaccinated.

If your **child tests positive for COVID-19**, regardless of vaccination status, they are required to isolate and quarantine for 5 days before returning to school. Students must be symptom free and fever free for 24 hours prior to returning to school on the 6th day. **Masks are REQUIRED to be worn days 6-10**. This relates to ALL school related activities, even outside of the school day. If your child is unwilling to wear a mask properly, then they need to remain at home for the entire 10-day period.

If your child is deemed **a close contact at school**, then the following options apply:

Option 1. If the student is fully vaccinated (see definition above), they are recommended to wear a mask for 10 days and they have the option to test on day 5.

Option 2. If the student is unvaccinated, then they can stay home for 5 days and return on day 6 if they are not showing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. They are recommended to wear a mask for days 6-10.

Option 3. If the student is unvaccinated and wishes to remain in school, then they can submit to daily testing for days 1-5. After testing for 5 days with a negative result, they should wear a mask for days 6-10.

- If your child is deemed a close contact and is a bus-rider...you must transport your student to the following locations: 6:45 am - 7:15 am (High School Cafeteria) or 8:15 am - 8:45 am (Elementary School) where s/he can take a rapid test each day s/he is quarantined. (Home tests are not permitted.) Test results will be known in 10-15 minutes. Parents/guardians must stay on-site until test results are known. Students arriving after these times will not be tested and must continue quarantining off campus.

If there is a positive COVID-19 case **within your home**, then the following applies:

Option 1. If the student is fully vaccinated (see definition above), they are recommended to wear a mask for 10 days and they have the option to test on day 5.

Option 2. If the student is able to completely isolate from the COVID positive household member and if the unvaccinated student wishes to remain in school, they must be symptom free and willing to submit to daily testing for days 1-5. After testing for 5 days with a negative result, they should wear a mask for days 6-10.

Option 3. If you are unable to isolate, the student needs to remain at home for days 1-5. If they are symptom-free, then they can return to school and begin daily testing on days 6-10. They should wear a mask on days 11-15.

Also, if an individual has a documented positive COVID-19 test from within the last 90 days, this individual is considered exempt from testing. Please keep in mind that if a student tests positive at any time during our testing process, they will be subject to their own quarantine period. Remember, if you, your children, or someone that you come in close contact with, exhibit COVID like symptoms please stay home and keep your children home from school until the symptoms pass. We respect the rights of individuals to decide for themselves whether or not to wear a mask or get a vaccination. Therefore, we are asking for your help in protecting the health and education of our students, as well as the workplace of our employees. Byron is a wonderful place to live and work. Thank you for your continued patience and help in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jan C. Amsterburg". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Jan Amsterburg
Interim Superintendent