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Byron Area Schools

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Dear Byron Area Schools Families,

As we head back to reality after Spring Break, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some news and information from our schools.

Upon return from Spring Break, Byron Area Schools will no longer be contact tracing COVID cases. This is a direct result for regulation changes. The following information best illustrates the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) isolation and quarantine guidance in this post-surge recovery phase. Let's hope COVID numbers continue to stay as low as they are now!

Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 and/ or displays COVID-19 symptoms (without an alternate diagnosis or negative COVID-19 test) regardless of vaccination status must:

- 1. Isolate at home for 5 days***
- 2. If symptoms have improved or no symptoms developed, may leave isolation after day 5 and wear a well-fitted mask for 5 more days (ending after day 10)***

Any individual with personal or household close contact to an individual with COVID-19 must:

- 1. Monitor symptoms for 10 days***
- 2. Test 3-7 days after exposure or if symptoms develop***
- 3. Wear a mask around others for 10 days after exposure***
- 4. Avoid unmasked activities or activities with higher risk of exposing vulnerable individuals***

Any individual with another type of exposure (from community, social, or work setting) must:

- 1. Monitor symptoms for 10 days***
- 2. Test if symptoms develop***
- 3. Consider wearing a mask around others for 10 days after exposure; at a minimum, mask in setting with higher risk of exposing vulnerable individuals***

It is wonderful to have our students back in the buildings today. These weeks after Spring Break will be a whirlwind as the 2021-2022 academic year begins to wind down. We welcome the better weather, flowers, and sunshine Spring brings as well!

Dr. Jan Amsterburg
Interim Superintendent