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Friday, January 7, 2022

Dear District 25 Staff & Families,

Today, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), revised their isolation and quarantine guidance, to align with the recently [updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control \(CDC\)](#). This updated guidance shortens the isolation and quarantine periods for the general public and for K-12 Schools.

The isolation and quarantine period for students and staff members sick with COVID-19 or considered a close contact has been **reduced to five days** as long as symptoms have improved and a person has been fever-free for at least 24 hours.

As a result, effective Monday, January 10, 2022, Arlington Heights School District 25 will implement the updated guidance. **On Monday, January 10, 2022, we will contact staff, students and families who are currently excluded from school due to COVID-19 with a revised return to school plan. Please follow your current exclusion dates until an updated letter is provided to you.**

Today's announcement **does not** change the state of Illinois' mask requirement for anyone inside school buildings. The Governor's indoor mask mandate for school is still in effect until further notice.

Please review this Health Alert ([linked here](#)) released by the IDPH that summarizes the updated guidance for isolation and quarantine periods.

We are currently working to update [District 25's COVID-19 Protocols & Guidelines](#) to reflect the updates from the CDC & IDPH. We realize there are many individual circumstances that are impacted by these updated guidelines, and we will continue to work with our community to make sure everyone understands how this update impacts them and their families in relation to school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued flexibility and support.

Sincerely,

Lori D. Bein, Ed.D., Superintendent

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