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Sunday, January 9, 2022

Dear Arlington School District 25 Staff and Families:

As you know, we are beginning to implement the updated guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health. We are still waiting on details, but below is some information about procedural changes that we will begin immediately:

- People who test positive for Covid19 will need to isolate for 5 days. The day that symptoms begin or a positive test specimen is taken (regardless of when results are received) is Day 0. If symptoms develop or persist on Day 5, the person should continue to isolate. Symptoms must be improving and a person must be fever-free without fever-reducing medication in order to return to school.
- Anyone who returns after the 5-day isolation period will need to be seated 6 feet away from others when they are unable to wear a mask through Day 10. That means that we will need to arrange alternate seating for some returning students during lunch. You may pick up your child for lunch if you do not want them to have an alternate seat.
- Some classrooms have a snack time. Until further notice, our staff will need to ask students to put their mask on in-between snack bites. This is similar to how our students are currently drinking from their individual water bottles.
- Staff members who have been vaccinated, but do not have the booster shot will need to quarantine for 5 days if they become close contacts to a positive case.
- Unvaccinated students who are close contacts will follow the same 5-day procedures (10-days for lunch) as positive cases.

Our building principals are working to notify any staff members or students who are currently excluded of their new return dates. There are over 450 people to contact. Please be patient as they work through the details. It is possible that you will get a notification late in the day on Monday that your student could have returned to school Monday morning - however, please continue to keep your child home until you have the updated notification.



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We will provide you with additional information once we have received it from IDPH. In the meantime, please thank our School Nurses who are doing all they can to communicate updated information to you while they also provide care and support for our students.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact your building principal or me.

Sincerely,

Lori D. Bein, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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