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**Madison County Schools
Guidelines for Quarantine
8/25/2021
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In conjunction with the Madison County Health Department and our school nurses, Madison County Schools will adhere to the following guidelines.

- MCS will follow the updated [StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\) 1.10.22](#)
- MCS plans to implement the test to stay option for students when testing supplies are available.
- MCS will contact trace based upon “*proper and consistent*” mask wearing as well as social distancing within our school buildings.
- If an individual tests positive for Covid-19 or has direct exposure to a positive, he or she will quarantine for **5** days. Quarantine times have been shortened for individuals who test positive for COVID-19. A person can return to school/work after **5 days** from symptom onset or testing date (if not symptoms) as long as it has been 24 hours since the person had a fever without using fever reducing medications and symptoms have improved. The positive person **must continue to wear a mask for 5 days post return.**
- If a person has been exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 and he/she is not up to date with all recommended vaccinations (meaning if a person is unvaccinated OR more than 6 months out from their second vaccine dose for Moderna/Pfizer and more than 2 months for J&J and eligible for a booster but has not yet boosted) and both parties were not wearing masks appropriately and consistently then he/she can return to school/work **after completing 5 days of quarantine, are asymptomatic, and have a negative PCR/Rapid test done on day 5 after exposure. The person will also complete an additional 5 days of "strict" mask use.**

- Person does not need to be excluded from school if masks were being worn appropriately and consistently by both the person with COVID-19 and the potential exposed person.
 - Person does not need to be excluded from school if they are up-to-date with vaccinations for their age and they have no symptoms.
 - Person does not need to be excluded from school, if they have had a confirmed COVID-19 positive case within the last 90 days and have no symptoms after being a close contact to someone with COVID-19.
 - Person decides not to test at 5 days from exposure to COVID-19, then person must complete a 10 day quarantine.
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- If a student has a sibling at home that is positive for Covid-19 or awaiting a pending test result, the student will have a minimum of a 5 day quarantine.

 - If a staff member is taking care of a child at home with Covid-19, the staff member will have a minimum of a 5 day quarantine.

 - Staff members need to have a letter of quarantine from the Health Department or our School nurses for payroll purposes.