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CCSD59 Families,

As a follow-up to our [previous communication](#) from December 30, we want to provide you with updated information regarding our isolation and quarantine procedures related to COVID-19. Earlier today, the Illinois State Board of Education and the Cook County Department of Public Health announced [revisions](#) to the required isolation and quarantine period for students and staff members in school settings.

Effective immediately, the following guidelines will be used in CCSD59:

- **Vaccinated & Unvaccinated individuals who test positive for COVID-19**
 - Must isolate at home for five days and may return on day six if fever free for 24 hours and symptoms have improved.
 - Individuals must continue to wear a mask and maintain 6 feet distance from others while eating or drinking.
- **Unvaccinated individuals who have been determined to be a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:**
 - Individuals who are unvaccinated must quarantine for five days and may return on day six if fever free for 24 hours and symptoms have improved.
 - Individuals must continue to wear a mask and maintain 6 feet distance from others while eating or drinking.
- **Vaccinated individuals who have been determined to be a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:**
 - Individuals who are vaccinated do not have to quarantine.

Please remember: any individual with a COVID-19 symptom must stay home and contact their school.

We will continue to follow all other mitigation strategies, including the state of Illinois' mask requirement for anyone inside school buildings.

Staff and students who are currently impacted by a quarantine now have a revised return to school date. Please see the chart below to know when to send your child back to school. The date change below only applies if a person is fever free for 24 hours and symptoms have improved.

<i>If a student or staff member tested positive or first had symptoms on the following date:</i>	<i>The new return to school/work date is the following:</i>
Monday, 1/3	Monday, 1/10
Tuesday, 1/4	Monday, 1/10
Wednesday, 1/5	Tuesday, 1/11
Thursday, 1/6	Wednesday, 1/12
Friday, 1/7	Thursday, 1/13
<i>*Any date prior to 1/3/2022 may return on Monday, 1/10</i>	<i>**The date above is if a person is fever free for 24 hours and symptoms have improved.</i>

Unvaccinated students who are close contacts are now required to quarantine for 5 days. The following is a table with the revised return to school dates.

<i>If an unvaccinated student was a close contact on the following:</i>	<i>The new return to school date is the following:</i>
Monday, 1/3	Monday, 1/10
Tuesday, 1/4	Monday, 1/10
Wednesday, 1/5	Tuesday, 1/11
Thursday, 1/6	Wednesday, 1/12
Friday, 1/7	Thursday, 1/13
<i>*Any date prior to 1/3/2022 may return on Monday, 1/10</i>	<i>**Test on day 5 if possible</i>

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. It's been an incredibly difficult year, but we will continue to push forward together.

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