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Hello GB Families,

The MDHHS and GCHD are providing quarantine options for students exposed in school while masked. We are carefully working through what we can do to help facilitate the process for these new options, but for now please know the following new scenarios exist immediately to help get some of our students back into the classroom.

NEW SCENARIO A: Unvaccinated students who were exposed to COVID-19 AT SCHOOL WHILE UNIVERSAL MASKING WAS PRESENT, will be able to continue to attend classes as long as they provide **negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test results each day for 7 days** post-exposure. Results will have to be submitted to the building office each day before the student is allowed to attend. We know that getting an antigen test off-site every day for 7 days could be challenging to many of our families, so we are working with the health department to create a more convenient way to meet this need. In the meantime, we will accept rapid antigen test results from a [GCHD testing clinic location](#) or local Urgent Care, family physician, or certified testing site taken in the last 24 hours. We will not be able to accept at-home test results for this purpose. Testing is available the same day and for free at many of [these sites](#) and a rapid antigen test should provide results within 15-30 minutes. It could be possible to get tested in the morning and return to school later that day with a negative result, or in the afternoon/evening and return to school the next morning. *See individual sites for details.* These results should be submitted to the student’s building office. If no test result is provided for any one day out of the 7, the student will have to stay home that day until another negative test is submitted.

NEW SCENARIO B: Those students who were quarantined as a result of exposure **OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL OR WHERE UNIVERSAL MASKING WAS NOT IN PLACE** will have the option to get a **negative PCR COVID-19 test** from a certified testing facility or physician’s office on the 7th day after exposure. If a negative test result is submitted to the building office from day 7 or after, that student will be released from quarantine. That could reduce those quarantine instances from 14 or 10 days down to 7 days. However, be aware that PCR test results are not immediate and results may take 3 days or more depending on the location. *See individual sites for details.* An exposure in the home that is unable to isolate from the positive case will not be eligible for this option.

If at any time the exposed student begins to show symptoms of COVID-19 OR has a positive test result, the student must stay home for the full 10 days of isolation and notify the building office. If exposed at school, options with dates will be explained in a letter sent via email.

Fully vaccinated students do not have to quarantine unless they have symptoms, but it is recommended that they get tested 3-5 days post-exposure and monitor for symptoms for 14 days. Walk-in [vaccination clinics](#) are available for individuals 12 and up. All students and staff must continue to wear masks indoors. Thank you and stay safe!

Sincerely,

Dr. Trevor Alward
Superintendent
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