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Our School System recognizes the severe situation of the COVID, especially with the new variant. With this in mind and the information provided by the CDC on the vulnerability of children, *we strongly recommend students wear masks for the first six weeks.* We will continue to monitor our community and state and will make updates accordingly. Our schools and buses will continue to recommend social distancing and stringent cleaning procedures in efforts to make our schools as safe as possible.

Students with COVID (Protocol)

- School Attendance and/or School Nurse are to be notified
- Bonita Nolan (CHS) will be notified for Data
- Quarantine begins on positive diagnosis from Doctor or Medical authority
- Students must stay home at least 5 school days & return on the 8th day with no symptoms unless medical guidance states otherwise. Strongly recommend wearing mask for 5 days after
- Medical diagnosis is to be provided to School Attendance and/or School Nurse
- COVID verified absences will be excused

Student with close contact of another student or adult.

- School shall notify students deemed to be close contacts (within 6 ft for 15 minutes)
- Close contacts with students, parents should watch for symptoms.
- Household positives with verification will be excused.
- May return with 5 school days of no symptoms. Mask strongly recommended
- If symptoms occur, seek medical attention and begin COVID protocol if positive.

Employee with COVID (Protocol)

- Principal shall be notified, notice shall be sent to Linda Foster
- Medical diagnosis shall be provided
- Employees must stay home 5 school days and may return on the 8th day with no fever or symptoms without symptom reducing medication, unless medical guidance states otherwise.
- Employees must use sick leave, no COVID leave available
- Employees are strongly encouraged to wear a mask for 5 days after return

Employee with close contact (Self-Reported) (Notified by Principal/Nurse)

- Consider 6 ft for 15 minutes rule
- Watch for symptoms
- May choose to use sick days until return.
- If no symptoms occur, employee may report to work and is strongly recommended to wear a mask if not vaccinated
- If symptoms occur, recommended testing. If Positive, follow COVID protocol.
- When the employee returns to school it is strongly recommended that they wear a mask. Teachers should continue to provide instruction to students.