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LPS Staff and Families,

As we prepare for our students to return to school on Thursday, January 6, 2022, we wanted to update our community on some recent changes to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and Clay County Public Health Center guidance on self-quarantine requirements. You are likely aware that we have closely followed public health guidance and directives throughout the pandemic and in continuation of this practice we will now allow COVID-19 positive individuals to return to school earlier than was allowed previously, with certain conditions. Staff and students who have tested positive for COVID-19 must:

- Stay home and self-quarantine for 5 days from the date of their positive test or first symptoms, whichever is earlier.
- COVID-19 positive individuals must notify: The school nurse (if a student) or their supervisor (if LPS Staff) to receive further instructions for a return date and symptom clearance.
- If the COVID-19 positive students/staff have no symptoms they may return to school on day 6 but will need to wear a mask on days 6-10.
- COVID-19 positive students/staff must wear a mask days 6-10.
- If a fever develops on day 5 or later or other symptoms persist, continue to stay home until the fever and/or other symptoms resolve. Please note that the use of fever/pain reducing medication to manage symptoms in order to return early is not allowed.

Our Health Services Department wanted to also share, as a reminder, that it is of utmost importance that **all staff and students stay home whenever they have symptoms of any illness**, regardless of whether it is COVID-19. This includes the following: A persistent cough, a new cough, a fever of 100 F or greater, chills, sore throat, difficulty breathing, congestion/runny nose, headache, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, muscle or body aches, or any other concerning symptoms of a contagious illness.

LPS Health Services personnel cannot differentiate outwardly between COVID-19, the flu, or other contagious respiratory illnesses. Thus, anyone who has symptoms of illness must stay home and see a healthcare provider. We thank you in advance for partnering with us to keep our students and staff healthy.

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, guidance/requirements are likely to be adjusted in the coming weeks and months. We will remain committed to providing you with any further updates, as necessary.

Thank you for your attention, and enjoy the final moments of winter vacation.

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